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U.S. rejects Soviet freeze on missiles

WASHINGTON, March 16 (Agencies) — U.S. presidential counselor Edwin Meese III Tuesday dismissed the Soviet Union's unilateral halt in deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe as an attempt to maintain Soviet arms superiority.

Such a freeze, Meese said, "would not be in the interests of protecting the people of Europe," and is an "opening gambit" in Soviet-American arms control talks. Meese, interviewed on television, (ABC-TV's "Good Morning America"), said of the move by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev: "What he is taking about is a situation where, two-thirds of the way through a football game, when one is ahead 50-10, or 50-0 as it would be in this case, and they want to freeze the score for the rest of the game. That's not exactly a fair kind of thing or something that would be in the interests of protecting the people of Europe."

In a speech to a trade union congress in the Kremlin, Brezhnev said the Soviets "are freezing, in both the quantitative and qualitative respects, the deployment of new SS-20 missiles."

Brezhnev said the moratorium would remain in effect until U.S. and Soviet negotiators, who have been meeting in Geneva since November, reach an agreement to limit deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe, or until the United States begins any actual deployment of new Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Europe.

U.S. negotiators have rejected similar Soviet proposals in the past, on the ground that S-20s already deployed east of the Ural mountains in the southwestern Soviet Union could still reach West European targets. Meese said Brezhnev's move amounted to a counter-offer to President Ronald Reagan's arms control proposal Nov. 18 for joint curbs on medium-range missiles in Europe.

Reagan proposed that the Soviets dismantle their 250 SS-20 missiles, which the president said are armed with 750 nuclear warheads and aimed at Western European cities. In exchange for cancellation of U.S. plans to deploy comparable missile systems in

N. Yemen claims dissidents routed

SANAA, March 16 (R) — North Yemen has said that a group of South Yemen-backed anti-government guerrillas were wiped out in a recent clash with North Yemeni troops.

A security spokesman said Monday night that soon after the clash a large number of guerrillas had surrendered in the North Yemenis. The spokesman did not say when the fighting took place or if there were any government losses.

The guerrillas belonged to the South Yemen-based National Democratic Front (NDF), which had been fighting the government for several years in central and southern provinces of North Yemen, informed sources said.

Tokyo Stock Exchange dampens

TOKYO, March 16 (R) — The Tokyo Stock Exchange fell to an 18-month low Tuesday as investor worries about rising foreign protectionism against Japanese exports outweighed news of a government plan to boost the domestic economy.

In the ninth-largest single-day drop on record, the Tokyo market average lost 161.69 points to close at 6,916.99. Investors shrugged off news that the government has decided to accelerate spending on public works projects and increase loans to build houses to bolster the economy. "The market should have welcomed the new economic measures but they failed to help it rebound as they fell short of market expectations," said an analyst for Nomura Securities, a leading brokerage firm.

A securities analyst for Daiwa, another leading broker, said: "Market sentiment was dampened by worsening economic conditions in Japan and the United States."

Last week, Japan reported the first quarterly decline in its economic performance in nearly seven years. It said that gross national product (GNP), the measure of all goods and services produced, fell by 0.9 percent in the last three months of 1981.

Finance Minister Michio Watanabe told a press conference Tuesday that spending on

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U.K. diplomat kidnapped in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 16 (AP) — Three people died in the fiery explosion of a car-bomb near the Egyptian Embassy Tuesday and the family of a kidnapped British diplomat anxiously waited for a telephone call directing them how to pay a ransom.

Lebanese authorities and embassy sources viewed the incidents as an acceleration of recent terror aimed at diplomats in this country where all sense of personal security has evaporated in the proliferation of rival private armies. Western diplomatic sources said embassies were tightening their security networks.

"We're always careful here and at times like this we're extra careful," said one diplomat who asked not to be identified. Seven persons suffered wounds in the 9:15 a.m. (0715 GMT) detonation of the green, French-made Peugeot automobile that had been left parked by the curb of a main street around a corner from the Egyptian Embassy, which is run by the French.

Lebanon broke relations with Egypt after the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made peace with Israel in 1979. It was not known if the dead were Egyptians or Lebanese pedestrians.

Sources at Beirut airport said two embassy employees who were Egyptian nationals left Beirut on Monday and that two others booked flights to Cairo for Wednesday.

They are part of the exodus of diplomats that started last week when the Kuwaiti ambassador, his staff and their families hurriedly fled after learning one or more of their number had been targeted by unidentified kidnappers.

Muhammad Mokdad, a 65-year-old second secretary at the British Embassy, vanished Monday while walking from his home in west Beirut to the seafont British Embassy about a half-mile away, also in west Beirut. His son, Hassan, told the Associated Press a man speaking Arabic in a "Beirut accent" telephoned the family Monday evening saying Mokdad was safe and unharmed, but he was being ransomed for \$150,000. The caller said he would contact the family Tuesday afternoon with further details.

Evans loses The Times power battle

LONDON, March 16 (Agencies) — Harold Evans resigned Monday night as editor of *The Times* of London amid reports that he had been offered a payoff of more than 250,000 sterling (\$450,000) by Australian press magnate Rupert Murdoch.

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Qaddafi ready for talks with U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi is ready to go to the United States to discuss "problems" between the two countries, visiting Austrian Foreign Minister Willibard Pahr said here Tuesday.

Pahr, who arrived here over the weekend, told the press he had informed Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel of Col. Qaddafi's expressed wish to discuss disputes between the two countries. Qaddafi made his remarks during a four-day official trip to Austria last week.

Qaddafi "would be prepared to come here if he would be received — and he would like to discuss, so he said, all the problems, all the disputes which exist between him and the United States administration," Pahr told reporters Tuesday. Qaddafi was notably ready to submit the dispute over the Gulf of Sirte, which Libya claims as its territorial waters, to the International Court of Justice, Pahr said.

Last August, two Libyan fighters were downed in a dog-fight with U.S. planes over the Gulf of Sirte. The United States considers that the Gulf is part of international waters.

The Austrian minister said Qaddafi was "very much concerned about his relations with the United States", and that "he is feeling the pressure" of U.S. sanctions.

6th Fleet to exercise in Sidra Gulf

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — The United States Sixth Fleet will probably conduct naval exercises in the disputed Gulf of Sidra within the next six months despite warning from Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. Navy Secretary John Lehman indicated Tuesday.

"We will not be intimidated in our international rights by statements by Qaddafi," Lehman told reporters.

Qaddafi, who claims Libyan sovereignty over the entire Gulf of Sidra, which extends nearly 200 miles into the Mediterranean, said recently that "if America enters the Gulf of Sidra, war to the full sense of the word will begin between us."

Last August, two U.S. navy jet fighters from the carrier Nimitz shot down a pair of Libyan planes over the Gulf about 60 nautical miles from the Libyan coast after what the Pentagon called an "unprovoked attack."

The United States recognizes only a 12-mile band of water along the coast as Libyan territory. Lehman said the U.S. Navy has exercised periodically in the Gulf of Sidra "for many years and will continue to do so."

He described the Gulf as "the only area in the Mediterranean where we can carry our missile shots" for training purposes.

Lifting price curbs led to glut -- Reagan

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 16 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan said Tuesday that lifting controls on oil prices helped create the current oil glut and was responsible for greater conservation and lower energy costs.

While not claiming direct credit for himself for removing oil price controls, Reagan was sharply critical of former President Jimmy Carter's energy program, under which decontrol was drawn up.

"The last administration's moral equivalent of war" which depended on government planning, bureaucracy and regulation gave us higher prices and shortages," Reagan said in a speech prepared for delivery to a joint session of the Oklahoma Legislature.

"Decontrol unleashed the competitive powers of the market place, and gave us more supply, more conservation and lower prices," he said. "We reduced our imports by nearly half." Reagan continued: "Those who credit the world oil glut for stable energy prices missed the point. Unleashing our domestic oil industry and continued conservation by the American people have helped create this favorable world energy situation."

Reagan said oil price decontrol is "just a first step" in energy issues and that phasing in complete decontrol of natural gas prices is another.

Although the president said he favors natural gas decontrol, his aides said recently he would delay sending Congress a proposal on the subject until after this year. Under legislation signed by Carter, price controls will be removed from 60 percent of the nation's natural gas by Jan. 1, 1985.

Carter also signed legislation phasing in the decontrol of oil prices, but Reagan reiterated that process eight days after he took office by lifting all controls on crude oil prices.

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OPEC chairman opposes price cut

BEIRUT, March 16 (AP) — United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Oteiba was quoted Tuesday as saying the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must maintain its current price of \$34 per barrel "no matter what the sacrifices."

"I hasten to say that we must maintain this price level," Oteiba was quoted as saying in an interview with the Lebanese magazine *Al-Sayyad*. "We are now in a tight corner and we must defend this price and the only way to do so is to lower our production level and this step must be taken no matter what the sacrifices."

Oteiba, who is currently OPEC chairman, said that the 13-nation group was "in the midst of an unprecedented storm," and warned that if OPEC lost its control over oil pricing, it would disintegrate. The minister also castigated small oil producing countries who were not members of OPEC such as Mexico, North Sea oil producers and others for selling their crude oil at prices below OPEC's benchmark price.

"Oil producing countries which are not members of OPEC must stand by us and defend our price because they are the only ones to gain if oil prices again increased and it is not fair or correct for these countries to sell their oil cheaply because this increases pressure on OPEC prices and it is more advantageous for them to produce less and sell at higher prices," Oteiba said.

He added: "We have told (these countries) that by reducing their oil prices they are being hostile to OPEC. On the other hand, we have several options and if we find that we are being threatened then we will not hesitate in reducing our oil prices considerably. The weapon is in our hands and we will not hesitate to use it."

Oteiba said a decrease in oil production levels was advisable but insisted on maintaining current prices. "If we resort to producing less and selling cheaply, this will not be to the advantage of any oil producing country because of the current glut on oil markets."

He said that with the current glut on world markets supply exceeded demand and any price reductions would be futile because they would not lead to increased sales. Oteiba also praised Saudi Arabia's decision to reduce production by one million barrels a day from 8.5 million to roughly 7.5 million barrels a day.

Killer tornadoes strike America

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — Tornadoes zig-zagged across America's great plains in the Midwest, pulverizing buildings and killing at least five persons, while rivers in the area sent ice flows through living rooms, drove more than 4,000 persons from home and lapped at mounds of wreckage.

The water was 10 feet above flood stage and still rising Tuesday in the three-river city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where 3,500 persons were evacuated and one killed in thunderstorms and thawing snow. More rain fell Tuesday on the already waterlogged Midwest.

Thunderstorms spread across the lower Ohio Valley, pelting Cape Girardeau, Missouri with Gulf ball-sized hail, and shivers fell over the upper Mississippi Valley.

Gas reserves said aplenty

SYDNEY, March 16 (AP) — The world's natural gas reserves are sufficient to supply demand for the next 170 years, the president of the 41-nation International Gas Union (IGU), E. Giorgis said Tuesday.

Giorgis told the opening session of the 20th annual convention of the Australian Gas Association that demand for natural gas had grown rapidly over the last two decades, totalling 1,500 billion cubic meters in 1980. It has become "the third pillar" of world energy supplies after oil and coal, he said.

Giorgis said recent studies indicated total recoverable world gas reserves amounted to 281,000 billion cubic meters, a third of which already had been proven. Over the next 40 years, no more than a third of these reserves would be utilized, he said.

This was in spite of the fact that only about 30 percent of areas likely to contain potential gas fields had been seriously explored, along with less than half the offshore basins.

Bulow indicted

NEWPORT, March 16 (AP) — A jury Tuesday found Socialite Claus von Bulow guilty of twice trying to murder his mistress wife with insulin injections that plunged her into an irreversible coma. Claus von Bulow, 55, could be sentenced to a maximum 40 years in prison, but Superior Court Judge Thomas H. Ceebham allowed him to remain free on \$100,000 bond pending an April 2 hearing on a defense motion for a new trial. No date was set for sentencing.

The seven-man, five-woman jury filed back into the courtroom at about 11:15 a.m. after deliberating for 36 hours over six days. The tall balding defendant maintained the stoic poise he displayed throughout the nine-week trial as jury forewoman Barbara Connitt announced the two verdicts.

Mrs. Annetti, in a clear voice, twice responded "guilty" when asked by the court clerk for the jury's finding on the two counts of attempted murder. Lawyers for the Danish-born financial consultant bad said they would appeal a conviction.

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Work begins on two petrochemical plants

JUBAIL, March 16 (SPA) — The foundation stone for the largest petrochemical complex in the Kingdom was laid here Tuesday at a ceremony attended by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi.

Apart from the Saudi Petrochemical Company's complex, a foundation stone also was laid for the Jubail Petrochemical Company (Kemysa) — two of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation's (SABIC) basic industries complexes.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, vice-chairman of SABIC, addressed the audience saying that SABIC has concluded partnership agreements for its basic industries with some of the world's giants. Of these industries, the first to be completed and dedicated was the expansion of Jeddah's Iron and Steel Rolling Mill last year.

"This year," Zamil said, "three more of the infrastructure industries will be opened." They include the Jubail Iron and Steel Complex, a fertilizers project and a petrochemical complex built in partnership between SABIC

and a Japanese consortium.

He said the Saudi Petrochemical Company (Sadaf) complex is the most important of SABIC's projects as it will become one of the largest complexes in the world once completed. It will comprise seven chemical factories that will produce an estimated 1.3 million tons of various products per annum. The total investments put into the project reached about SR10 billion Zamil said.

Shell Chemicals president, Henderson, SABIC's partner in Sadaf, reiterated that the project's completion will be a vital economic achievement and profitable to both sides. The U.S. Shell Oil's commitment toward the joint venture, is based on mutual confidence and respect, prompts establishing the largest petrochemical complex in the Kingdom, in addition to operating the project profitably, Henderson said.

Faisal Bashir, deputy planning minister and chairman of Kemysa, said that the state's policy is to exploit the Kingdom's natural resources to the maximum for the prosperity of the Saudi Arabian person and building a productive economic base.

Cabinet views oil policy, Niger president's visit

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers met Monday night under Crown Prince Fahd to review Saudi Arabia's oil policy. It also discussed the outcome of Niger President Seyni (Hussein) Kountche's visit to the Kingdom that ended earlier in the day.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the cabinet also discussed the security agreement between Saudi Arabia and Oman. Moreover it agreed to renew for another five years an agricultural cooperation agreement between the Kingdom and the Republic of China which covers research, agricultural development and animal resources. Under the agreement, the two countries are to exchange know-how and trained agricultural personnel.

The cabinet was briefed on the issue by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister. Dr. Yamani also said that a set of amendments were introduced to the agreement to render it more comprehensive and useful.

Plan for Riyadh projects okayed

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman announced Tuesday that King Khaled has approved the urban and rural projects of Riyadh district, listed in a report by a special committee formed recently at the initiative of the governor.

Prince Salman said the King has also approved 70 percent of the expropriation projects. The projects will be allocated funds, beginning from the current budget and spread over three years, he said. The projects also cover all public services, such as the municipal services, water networks, dams, telephones, hospitals, clinics, schools for boys and girls, electricity, main roads and a civilian airport in Wadi Dawasser.

On behalf of the citizens, the governor thanked the King and the crown prince for the liberal royal gesture.

Talal to attend U.N. talks

UNITED NATIONS, March 16 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations and special envoy of the UNICEF, arrived here Monday night to attend the meetings of the UNICEF.

Prince Talal was expected to meet the U.N. Secretary General Javier de Cuellar, and is later expected to proceed to Latin America for inspecting projects undertaken by the UNICEF there.

Prince Talal also is head of the AGFUND, the Arab-Gulf program for the U.N. development organizations, which channels aid to the international body's agencies.

Institute for blind girls to open next year

MAKKAH, March 16 (SPA) — A new institute for blind girl students will be opened here during the next academic year, Dr. Abdullah Muhammad Al-Zaid, director general of education of the Western Province, said here Tuesday.

The institute will offer all educational services to the blind in the age group of five to 15 years, including boarding, lodging, uniforms and monthly stipends, he said. Interested guardians should send applications to the directorate general in Jeddah.

Meanwhile, a 12-member delegation of

blind students from King Saud University's faculty of literature and four supervising teachers will leave Riyadh for Manama next Friday for a four-day visit, during which they will call at the Gulf Blind Institute which functions under the Regional Bureau for the Welfare of the Blind.

The delegation's program also includes visits to the institutions concerned with the welfare of the blind to get acquainted with their various activities. The visit is to take place within the framework of services provided by the Riyadh-based regional bureau for the

welfare of the blind, especially to the university students.

In a separate development, the Central Province's Directorate of Girls' Education will open eight new primary schools at the beginning of the next academic year. The six-classroom schools will be set up in the principal towns of the region. Besides, 25 rural schools, each with two classrooms, will be opened in the region's villages and bedouin settlements where there are no schools at present.

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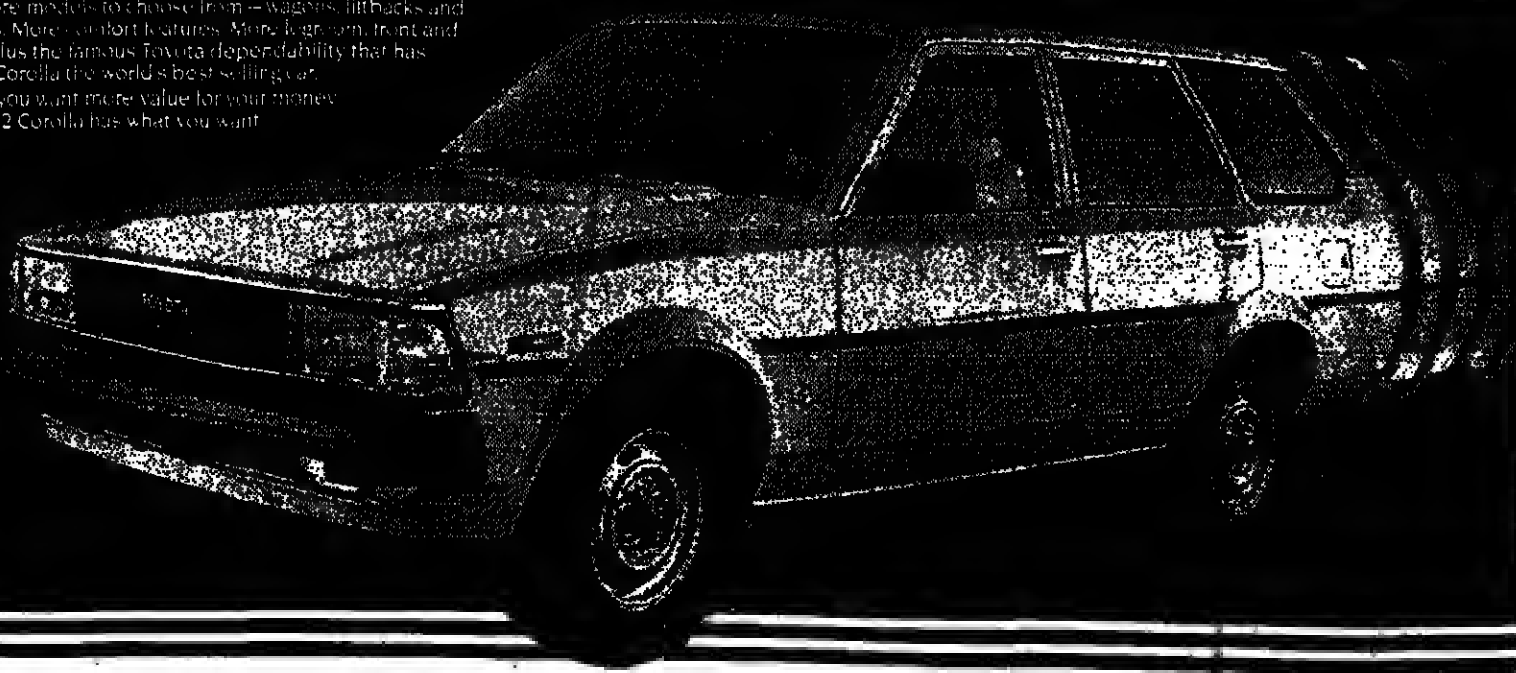
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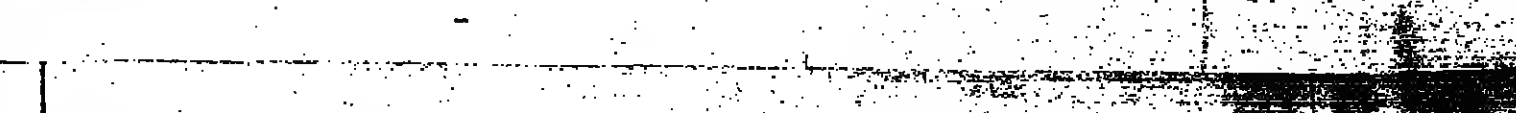
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Naif, Zambia minister hold 2nd session

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — Interior Minister, Prince Naif met with the visiting Zambian Interior Minister, Frederique Gumba, here Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Gamazi interior undersecretary for administrative affairs and Zambian Ambassador to the Kingdom Matiya Ngalende.

Following the meeting, Gumba renewed Zambia's support for Arab rights and the Palestinian people.

He strongly condemned the Israeli aggressive practices against the Arab countries and inside the occupied Arab lands.

Gumba said his talks in Riyadh reviewed problems faced by the states of the Third World and provided him a chance to get acquainted with the Kingdom's stand on these problems.

Meanwhile, Prince Naif said he has accepted an invitation to visit Zambia at a date to be fixed later. Prince Naif noted that Zambia had good feelings towards the Kingdom and appreciated its stands.

Traffic chief meets Bahrain premier

MANAMA, March 16 (SPA) — Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa received Brig. Muhammad ibn Rajaa Al-Harbi, director general of the traffic department, who is visiting Bahrain.

Harbi earlier called on Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, deputy director of public security. He also paid a visit to the Saudi Arabian embassy here and then called at the traffic and license department, where he met

Ibn Jiluwi, Suh confer

DAMMAM, March 16 (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi Tuesday received Suh Suk-joon, Korean minister of trade and industry, who is here in the context of his current visit to the Kingdom. The two officials exchanged cordial talks on relations between the two countries.

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Malaysians plan to boost exports

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JEDDAH, March 16 — A Malaysian trade delegation is due to arrive in Dammam Wednesday on a 10-day visit to Saudi Arabia. It includes representatives from fields like agricultural produce, foodstuffs, beverages, rubber products, furniture, and plastic products.

The 17-member group, led by Rusdi Bin Haji Saleh, assistant director at the ministry of trade and industry, also will visit Jeddah. This is the sixth trade team to visit the Kingdom from Malaysia after the establishment of a trade office in 1975.

Malaysia, a federation of 13 states located in the heart of Southwest Asia, exports timber, wood products, foodstuffs, vegetable oil especially palm oil, textile, ready-made garments, electrical equipment, air-conditioners and pepper to Saudi Arabia. Malaysia is the world's third largest manufacturer of air-conditioners, claimed Kassim ibn Sarbani, commercial counsellor at the Malaysian Embassy.

He told *Arab News* Tuesday that trade between the two countries during the fiscal year of 1979/80 registered a 149 percent rise. Though Saudi Arabia's imports accounted for only 0.7 percent of Malaysia's total exports it remains the leading trade partner in the Middle East.

Malaysia imported SR811.17 million

with Col. Abdullah Al-Khalifa, director general of traffic. During the meetings, Harbi discussed cooperation in traffic and the exchange of know-how and traffic cadres.

The Saudi traffic chief arrived in the Bahraini capital Monday on a four-day visit at the invitation of Sheikh Abdul Rahman ibn Rashed Al-Khalifa, director of the traffic department, to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation in traffic matters.

SR103m school contracts signed

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair Tuesday signed several contracts with national firms for the implementation of educational projects at an overall cost of SR103 million.

Under the contracts, premises for education departments in Taif and another in Tabuk will be built at a cost of SR32 million over a period of 27 months. A secondary school will be constructed in Tabuk, four intermediate schools in Madinah and Jeddah and four primary schools in Bisha, Jeddah and Madinah.

Contracts are to be signed with engineering offices to supervise the implementation of intermediate school buildings in Jizan, Abha, Hail and Rass, and an Institute for the blind each in Ahsa and Qassim.

worth of crude petroleum in 1979 while in that year it exported SR139.80 million worth of goods to the Kingdom. In 1980 its exports to this country was SR199.02 million while its imports stood at SR2 billion. During the period January to August 1981 its exports showed an increase of 5.8 percent to SR146.85 million.

Arab investments in Malaysia, he said, center on palm oil plantations, refineries, and banking. The Arab-Malaysian Development Bank has been formed with Saudi Arabians, Bahrainis and Kuwaitis as partners. According to Sarbani, there are only 500 Malaysians working in the Kingdom. Malaysia is itself experiencing a labor shortage Sarbani said explaining the absence of Malaysian workers here.

Gulf army chiefs conclude parley

RIYADH, March 16 (SPA) — The chiefs of staff of the six Gulf Cooperation Council member states concluded their meetings here Tuesday at the GCC headquarters. The chiefs of staff adopted a number of resolutions and recommendations concerning cooperation and coordination among them in the field of defense. They also discussed practical means for implementing resolutions reached by the GCC defence ministers in their last meeting held here in February.

Fare meters to be installed in Jeddah taxis

JEDDAH, March 16 — Taxis in Jeddah will soon be fitted with fare meters, a major step in several organizational measures prepared and supervised by Jeddah's Traffic Director Lt. Col. Asaad Abdul Karim.

According to Tuesday's issue of *Al-Riyadh*, the step began with the issuance of yellow and white cards. While the yellow one contained information about the cabman, the white one consisted of details about the vehicle, its model, service and fitness for further use in public service. The latter has to be changed every three months and when the taxi is taken to the traffic department concerned for thorough checking.

Both the citizens and the residents are awaiting the new step, which is expected to avert many problems which normally arise on the fares due to the absence of meters.

Meanwhile, *Al-Riyadh* spoke to a few cabmen to take their opinion on the new measure. One said the measure will create certain problems, because many passengers cannot read. The other remarked he fears

Niger leader departs

MADINAH, March 16 (SPA) — President Seyni Kountche of Niger and his accompanying delegation left here Tuesday for home after a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia.

President Kountche King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd on bilateral relations and Afro-Arab issues of mutual concern.

that passengers will ask many questions when, for instance, he enters a congested area. The passengers think the driver does it intentionally to let the fare increase, he said. But another driver expressed complete satisfaction over the new idea which, he said, will tell the correct fare to both the driver and the passenger. It will do away with arguments by the passengers and the "greed" of the cabman, he added.

Yet another taxi-driver told an interesting incident. "On King Abdul Aziz street", he said, "three persons asked me to take them to a place north of Jeddah. I demanded SR30

for the trip but, coincidentally, major Faisal Zaid was present on the spot. When he heard this, he immediately fined me SR300. However, I was not much angry because I was really overcharging them. So, instead of earning SR30, I had to pay SR300."

Relating this story, the driver said the fare meter will solve a number of problems. He hoped the traffic department would take into consideration the interests of both the passenger and the driver while fixing the fare. "Our country is progressing in many fields and such measures are necessary to keep pace with our development", he added.

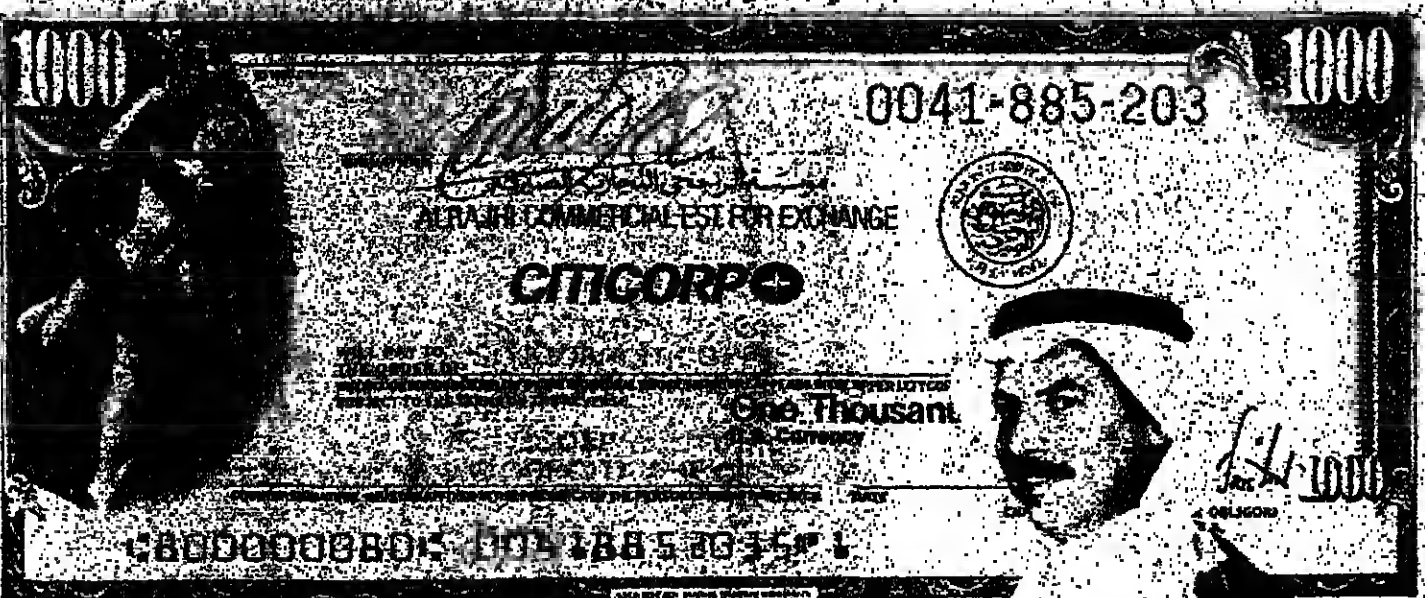
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Mubarak's Israel visit not canceled, Ali says

TEL AVIV, March 16 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Tuesday that President Hosni Mubarak still planned to visit Israel despite a row about whether he should travel to Jerusalem.

After a lengthy meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Ali told reporters the visit was still on but declined to discuss dates or an itinerary. Arguments over the visit have helped fuel the debate in Israel about Egypt's commitment to its peace dialogue with Israel after the final portion of Sinai is handed back to Egypt next month.

Mubarak has said he prefers a short working trip and does not want to enter Jerusalem, whose status is at the heart of Arab-Israeli disputes.

Ali said Begin had renewed his invitation for the visit during Tuesday meeting, which ran well over scheduled to one hour and 45 minutes. He also reported they touched on demarcation disputes which Israel is insisting

on settling before it returns Sinai to Egypt April 25 under the terms of the Camp David Treaty.

The most difficult point in the dispute is the exact location of the demarcation line at Taha near the Red Sea. Both countries have claimed a 600-meter (yard) strip of rugged terrain, the site of a largely-completed 10-storey hotel.

The Egyptian foreign minister said some technical difficulties remained in settling the area of demarcation. These were being discussed in detail later at a joint commission chaired by Ali and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sharon has accepted an invitation from Ali to go to Egypt less than a week after the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula April 25.

Sharon, who will take his family, will combine discussions with Egyptian officials with a vacation in upper Egypt.

Cairo plans to get German atomic units

CAIRO, March 16 (R) — Visiting West German Economics Minister Otto Lambdorsch has discussed the possible purchase of two nuclear reactors by Egypt during talks with Egyptian Electricity Minister Muhammad Osman Abaza.

Egypt is planning to buy two reactors each from France, West Germany, Canada and the United States as part of a program to generate 40 percent of its electricity from atomic power by the year 2,000. Count Lambdorsch, here on a four-day visit, said he had "explained the interest of the German nuclear industry to cooperate with Egypt in that field."

"You know that the first two reactors probably will go to the French industry and the German industry is interested in number three and four on which the first provisional decision in the (Egyptian) Supreme Council of Energy is expected to be made in the course of this month," the German minister told a press conference.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Abaza as saying that West Germany had agreed to supply a small two megawatt research reactor to Egypt as a gift. But there was no immediate comment on the report from the West German delegation.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AP) — The mother of the late Shah of Iran, Taj Ol Molouk Pahlavi, died March 10 in Acapulco, Mexico of heart failure, her family announced Tuesday. She was 90.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli occupation forces fired shots in the air and used teargas Tuesday to disperse demonstrations by Palestinian youths in several West Bank towns, eyewitnesses said.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The State Department has limited the movements of Afghan diplomats in the United States to protest Kabul's refusal to accept the credentials of the U.S. charge d'affaires, reliable sources here said Tuesday.

UNITED NATIONS, (AFP) — The United Nations General Assembly will be called upon this week to allocate some \$22 million for the seeding of an additional 1,000 soldiers to bolster the U.N. buffer force in South Lebanon.

LONDON, (R) — At least 37 persons were killed in heavy fighting between security forces and Kurdish rebels near the western Iranian city of Mahabad Monday, a Tehran newspaper reported Tuesday.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Viktor Mimin has been named the new Soviet ambassador to Iraq, replacing the recently departed Boris

U.S. allots 220 additional tanks Egypt to get 40 more F-16s

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) — The Pentagon plans to sell Egypt 40 additional F-16 fighter planes this year, doubling the number of these advanced jets allocated to help modernize the Egyptian Air Force.

U.S. planners also have alloted 220 more M-60A3 tanks in the 1982 phase of a five-year program to upgrade Egypt's fighting forces and tie that key Mideast country closer to the United States. This would bring to 659 the total of M-60A3 tanks sold to the Egyptians so far. "We believe it is important to push ahead and help the Egyptians meet their modernization program objectives to the extent possible," Lt. Gen. James H. Ahmann, the Pentagon's top arms sales

officer, told a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee Monday.


Although the overall five-year plan has been approved by Congress, the year-by-year decisions on specific arms shipments also are subject to congressional approval. Congress has 30 days to reject Pentagon proposals after being notified in a formal letter of intent. Otherwise, the sales go through.

Delivery of the new batch of F-16s would begin in late 1985. The additional tanks would start arriving in Egypt in early 1984. Ahmann described the U.S. program to help modernize Egypt's forces as part of an effort to help modernize Arab countries "resist the spread of Soviet expansion in the region."

Iran aide cuts short Dutch visit

THE HAGUE, March 16 (R) — An Iranian minister of state Tuesday cut short a visit to the Netherlands shortly after arriving and just hours before a scheduled meeting with Dutch Foreign Minister Max Van Der Stoep.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the only explanation given for the sudden ending of the visit by Behzad Nabavi, Iran's minister of state for executive affairs, was that he had to return to his country. He was to be in the Netherlands for four days. There had been no prior announcement of the visit by Nabavi, who arrived only Monday night. A Dutch official said Iranian officials canceled the meeting with Van der Stoep early Tuesday. Nabavi had requested the meeting.




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Drug mafia, leftists threaten Peru democracy

By Kevin Dunn

LIMA —

An alleged alliance of drug traffickers and political extremists has emerged to challenge Peru's young democracy, according to senior government officials. "A marriage of vice with violence," was how President Fernando Belaunde Terry described the threat to his 19-month-old constitutional government.

The president's denunciation came after 150 armed men made a spectacular assault on a provincial jail and freed almost 250 prisoners, most of them alleged drug traffickers or left-wing extremists. Twelve persons were killed in the breakout in Ayacucho, 565 kms southeast of Lima, making it the most serious incident of violence since President Belaunde returned to office in 1980 after 12 years of military rule.

The attackers, armed with submachine guns, grenades and dynamite, took effective control of the town of 75,000 people for several hours before withdrawing to the surrounding hills.

The scale of the raid stunned Peruvians. "The government did not know that terrorism in Peru had reached such a stage of training and preparation," Justice Minister Enrique Elias confessed.

Interior Minister Jose Gagliardi, asked if the attack represented the emergence of guerrilla opposition to the government, said: "You could call it that. It is perhaps the first act of guerrilla (violence)." He added: "This was a commando-type operation, not a simple act of terrorism."

No organization has claimed responsibility for the raid although government officials initially blamed a leftist group called Sendero Luminoso (luminous path). Despite its name, the origins and activities of Sendero Luminoso are far from clear. The group, Maoist in ideology and violent in action, has focused its activities on Ayacucho province, a remote impoverished area of the Andean mountains populated mainly by Indian peasants.

According to police, Ayacucho's University has been the recruiting ground for the group's militants who disperse into the hills to preach revolution. The university has been closed indefinitely under the state of emergency imposed in the province since the attack on Feb. 2.

Sendero Luminoso has been officially blamed for hundreds of sabotage attacks since the restoration of democracy. These have included raids on police stations, the blowing up of power pylons and numerous small-scale bombings. But until now the group was thought incapable of mounting a major strike like the prison assault.

"This is no longer the incipient terrorism of the first 18 months but a perfectly organized urban guerrilla operation," Elias said.

The sudden escalation in violence has led government officials to suspect the group has backing from abroad or links with powerful cocaine traffickers. "I believe there is foreign influence, at least in the training of those who attacked the prison," Elias said.

Peru is the world's top producer of coca leaves, the raw material of cocaine, and the illegal trade in the drug is believed to generate about one billion dollars a year.

Ayacucho has been a major center of clandestine coca growing, reinforcing the suspicion of some officials that the drug mafia is financing or assisting the left-wing extremists of Sendero Luminoso. Their aim, these officials say, would be to displace police attention from drug-running and destabilize a government which has pledged, with strong support from the United States, to clamp down on the traffickers.

President Belaunde gave no specific evidence of links between the traffickers and extremists but said that what he dubbed narcoterrorism as a new threat to the civilized world. "It is a desperate search for anarchy and chaos by those who know they would never achieve power by legal means," he said.

"There is a financing for these (guerrilla) operations but it is not yet known with precision whether the financing comes from inside or outside the country," he added. (R)

Speedy trial for Dozier's kidnappers

By Peter Jarocki

The case against the Red Brigades kidnappers of Gen James Dozier is being pressed with unusual speed by the Italian authorities. The trial of 16 alleged terrorists — of whom eight are still on the run — formally opened last week but lasted only 45 minutes and was then adjourned for a week to give the defense lawyers time to prepare.

It resumed on March 15 and is expected to be over within 14 days. Most of the defendants have other crimes to their names — Antonio Savasta, 27, is said to have confessed to 17 killings — but they will be tried only for the Dozier kidnapping and crimes strictly connected with it.

It is considered almost certain that Dozier will appear in the Verona court-room to give evidence. The American general returned to Verona last week to take up his duties again as commander of NATO Land Forces in Southern Europe.

On the basis of what happened last Monday, seven defendants are present in the courtroom in two wire cages separated by a partition. Behind one set of bars stand five so-called "penitent" Red Brigades, four of whom were arrested in the Padua flat where Dozier spent his 43 days of imprisonment. They are Antonio Savasta, 27, his girlfriend Emilia Libera, 27, Giovanni Ciucci, 31, Emanuela Frascella, 22, and Armando Lanza, 31, who is said to have hosted Red Brigades meetings at his flat outside Verona.

They seem to wish to take advantage of the penitence law, at present passing through parliament, which will allow many terrorists to have their prison sentences reduced, or in some cases may give them the chance of outright clemency, provided they have cooperated with the police and courts.

Two "unrepentant" prisoners were shut up in the other cage. They are Cesare Di Lenardo, 22, and Alberto Biella, 31. Di Lenardo caused a sensation by telling journalists that he and his companions had been tortured. Magistrates are investigating the allegation.

The eighth prisoner, Ruggero Volinia, 28, will again not appear in court. He allegedly acted as a driver in the transfer of the general from Verona to Padua. It was he, apparently, who spilled the beans in Verona — rumor, and nothing more, has it in exchange for the \$2 million reward — by letting police know about the Padua flat. (ONS)



Despite Hama uprising

Assad likely to stay in the saddle

By Patrick Seale

DAMASCUS — Fresh from the carnage of the Hama uprising — the greatest internal threat to him in almost 12 years of rule — President Hafez Assad of Syria is a relaxed, confident, even jovial man. For good reason: he has won. In an exclusive, two-hour interview he said: "Tell my enemies that my health is robust and my will is firm."

Dr. Henry Kissinger, in the latest volume of his memoirs, describes Assad as "proud, tough, shrewd, cordial." Apart from good health and determination these are the qualities which have kept Assad at the top in Syria since November 1970 — and near the top since 1963, when the Baath Party seized power. He is likely to stay in the saddle for some time.

Far from overthrowing Assad by sparking off a popular revolution, the Muslim Brotherhood has suffered a defeat. Its stronghold has been flattened and hundreds — if not thousands — of its best fighters have been killed or captured.

Doubtless it is still capable of sporadic acts of violence, but the lesson of Hama is that the strategy of urban insurrection does not work in Syria. Only if a substantial part of the army, or his own Alawite community, turns against him will Assad be overthrown.

For the moment he maintains control, firstly, by his grip on the Baath Party's military wing, the real center of power; secondly, through a country-wide, well-oiled network of patronage, jobs, perks, hand-outs and favors; and thirdly by means of a powerful security and anti-*muslim* apparatus.

The strength of his opponents lay in the real grievances of the population which they managed to mobilize: discontent at widespread profiteering by government agents; brutal repression of dissent by Rifaat Assad, the president's brother, who heads the regime's special forces; and the daily vexations of roadblocks and security checks.

In the past 30 years Syria has been largely reshaped on secular lines. The rising generation has known no other society than that of the Baath, which last week celebrated 19 years of power in Syria.

In the interview, Assad laid the blame for Hama squarely at the door of the United States. Making his clearest accusations yet, he said: "I have no doubt that this was an American intelligence operation. I have proof of U.S. involvement. It is of three sorts."

"Some of the criminals have confessed their contacts with U.S. agents. Secondly, at Hama we confiscated advanced communications equipment, and other equipment of American origin, which could only have reached the criminals with U.S. approval and through the channel of U.S. agents."

"Thirdly, it was the State Department — in obvious collusion with Muslim Brotherhood groups abroad — which first broke the news of the Hama fighting."

(Although the insurrection started on Feb. 2, news of it reached the outside world only on Feb. 10 when, simultaneously, a State Department official in Washington and a spokesman for the Muslim Brotherhood in Bonn revealed it.)

With heavy irony, Assad speculated: "Perhaps the United States does not consider that its terrorist acts in Syria come under the heading of international terrorism, which it seems keen to combat in other parts of the world."

For his part, he promised tough treatment for those he sees as agents of the United States.

"American lackeys have to be crushed," Assad said. "The United States and its agents in the area thought they could make Syria kneel to Israel's will."

Syrian relations with America have generally been edged with mistrust. The nearest the two countries got to friendship was in May 1977 when President Jimmy Carter met Assad in Geneva — a meeting which left Assad with the "good and positive" impression that America would take Syrian interests into consideration and help bring about an "honorable" peace.

Then disillusion set in. "What has happened since has made us increasingly certain that the United States has no policy in this area; rather there is only an Israeli policy which the United States is carrying out."

While it is true that Assad continues to make himself available to American visitors — he saw Philip Habib, President Reagan's special envoy in Damascus recently — there is no doubt that Hama has resulted in a further sharp deterioration of relations with the United States. The further Assad moves from Washington the closer he gets to Moscow. "Our relations with the Soviet Union, already good and friendly, are strengthening steadily," he said.

This Soviet presence in Syria is apparent but, it seems, not resented — although about a dozen Soviet technicians have been murdered by Assad's opponents. The S-viet Embassy is the biggest embassy by far, and the ambassador, a long-serving diplomat, has the greatest access to the president of any foreign envoy.

Western diplomats estimate there are about 2,500 Soviet military advisers in Syria, under the command of a lieutenant-general and concentrated in air defense and electronic warfare. The Russians are supplying Syria with as many tanks as it can absorb, and it is generally agreed that its armed forces are stronger today than at the time of 1973 war.

Soviet-Syrian closeness found expression in a treaty of friendship signed in October 1980. Assad agreed to the treaty, after a decade of hesitation, in reluctant recognition that, faced with an American-backed Israel, he needed a big brother.

But Assad remains his own man, and there is no evidence the Russians dictate his regional moves. He did not consult them when, in a cool show of nerve, he moved ground-to-air missiles into Lebanon's Bekaa Valley last spring, restricting Israel's freedom in Lebanese skies. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has vowed to destroy the missiles, but they are still there.

"We are where we are," the president said. "We are present on Arab soil, in a fraternal Arab country. Neither Israel nor anyone else has a right to intervene. But if we are attacked, we will fight back."

On the wider Arab-Israeli issue, Assad sees no future for a negotiated settlement so long as Begin remains in office. "Since Begin refuses to give any territory back, on what can we negotiate?"

Assad seems to put his faith in an Egypt restored to anti-Israeli belligerence and a revival of a two-front strategy. "Egypt is part of the Arab nation. It will return to the Arab fold — without strings. Its cause is the cause of the Arabs, its stand is the stand of the Arabs."

He added: "I have known President Mubarak very well for a long time" — both are former air force commanders and both trained in Russia — "but there has been no contact between us since he

took over the presidency."

Three constants determine Syria's relations with its neighbors.

One is that Syria feels it alone stands in the way of an Israeli walk-over, that it is the only active champion of Arab rights, the guarantee that Arab dignity will one day be vindicated. Many an Arab would echo the president's assertion: "I have no doubt even for a minute, that we will regain our rights, no matter how long it takes."

A second constant is the conviction that Lebanon, Jordan, and what is left of Arab Palestine belong historically to Syria and fall within its natural sphere of influence.

The third is that Syria is the geopolitical heart of the region, that nothing can be done without it, that it is the maker of peace and war.

Assad has been notably stubborn in affirming Syria's importance. The visitor leaves his presence convinced that no diplomatic initiative which omits Syria from the equation can succeed. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 17th, the 76th day of 1982. There are 289 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1526 — Francis I of France is released from Spanish captivity.

1649 — English parliament abolishes House of Lords.

1776 — American revolutionaries force British to evacuate Boston, Massachusetts.

1813 — Prussia's Frederick William III declares war against France.

1860 — Second Maori war breaks out in New Zealand.

1888 — Britain establishes protectorate over Sarawak on Borneo.

1898 — Japan declines to support Britain in its conflict with Russia over a loan to China.

1921 — Polish constitution is established.

1948 — Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg sign Brussels Treaty for 50-year alliance against armed attack in Europe, and economic, social and military cooperation.

1962 — The Soviet Union accuses the United States of fighting an "undeclared war" in Vietnam and demands removal of U.S. military forces there.

1970 — The United States uses first veto in the United Nations, joining Britain in rejecting a resolution calling on U.N. members to cut all communications with Rhodesia.

1977 — Angolan troops invading Zaire take important copper mining center of Kolwezi.

1979 — Israel says Egypt's published text of new peace treaty is "full of inaccuracies" as U.S. officials make futile effort to sell pact to other Arab states.

1981 — Polish government reaches agreement with independent unionists in Radom, but faces new strike threat by timber workers and a continuing sit-in by military farmers.

Thought for today:

There is nothing wrong with Ireland except that it is Irish, and there is nothing wrong with England except that it is not Irish — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born writer (1856-1950).

WEST BANK 'LEAGUES'

One of the main objects of the Israeli authorities has been to effect a breach in the political unity of the Palestinian inhabitants of the occupied West Bank. This is thought to be an essential condition for the Israeli solution for the problem posed by the occupation, which is its dismal lack of any political cover conferring the semblance of legitimacy over the occupier's version of "autonomy" for the Palestinians.

One of the latest attempts in this direction has been the creation of the so-called "village leagues" in the area, composed, on the admission of the Israeli press itself, of a group of thieves, vagabonds and individuals who either never had or had long lost any standing or respect among their compatriots. Jordan's response to this move had been to declare membership of the "league" a treasonable action, punishable by death. Israel's security forces do their best to protect the quisling, though not always with success.

The pressure of opinion in the West Bank, the bitter contempt which membership of this collaborationist grouping brings with it, as well as sheer terror of the inevitable fate such acts of treachery entail, have recently led nine of its members to withdraw, and to attempt to explain their former stand by "Israeli pressure."

The explanation ought to be rejected out of hand: thousands upon thousands of Palestinians have been faced with death, prison and torture at the hands of the Israelis; thousands upon thousands of homes have been blown up on the mere suspicion of their inhabitants constituting a "risk" to Israeli "security." Yet none, except for this contemptible minuscule league of traitors thought this a justification for selling their own inalienable birth right.

The Palestinian struggle goes on. Israel's attempts to subvert it by such methods as the creation of the "league" are laughable.

Saudi Arabian press review

The useful talks between King Khalid and Niger President Seyni Kountche for promoting strong Afro-Arab relations, the Kingdom's pioneering role in the Arab arena and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's offer to the Egyptian president were the main topics for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Al-Bilad said the talks between King Khalid and President Kountche have embodied a new strategy for strengthening Afro-Arab relations in all spheres and ensuring full Arab support and aid to the African states in their struggle against Communists and Zionists, who are suppressing the peoples in Ethiopia, Angola, Libya and South Africa.

The paper hailed the Kingdom's role in achieving peace and stability for the African states. "The talks have reflected the Kingdom's conventional contribution toward forging close Afro-Arab cooperation for confronting the challenges facing the two nations," it added.

Commenting on the current Arab situation, *Al-Riyadh* noted that the Kingdom is playing a vital role in its cooperation with the Third World countries, especially the African states through the opening of new channels for serving the supreme interests of the Arab nation.

The paper regretted the Arab absence in Africa, "which has given the Zionist enemy the

opportunity to establish relations with some African states." It added that "Libyan President Qaddafi's aggressive policies in the African Continent have further widened the rift between the Arab and African worlds."

Dealing with Qaddafi's offer to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to return to the Arab fold as a reward for Egypt's severance of relations with Saudi Arabia, *Al-Madinah* said, "Although President Mubarak, who has rejected similar offers from the U.S. and Israel, refuses even to listen to such offers from Qaddafi, who had initiated similar attempts with the late President Sadat."

"Up to yesterday, we have believed that the U.S. and Israel are the only parties which fear Egypt's return to the Arab fold, because such a move will pose a real threat to the American interests in the region and to the Israeli policy of usurping more and more Arab lands. But now we are surprised to learn from the Libyan leader that he will not hesitance such a move to restore Arab solidarity," the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al-Nadwa* said, "The Arab nation is still safe and loyal to the principles adopted by its leaders." The paper welcomed Egypt's return

Pleased to please someone else

Using his feet as others use hands, young artist is called 'outstanding'

By Jeannette Garrett
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — As far back as he can remember Valentin Padron has used his feet as other people use their hands: to play marbles or cards with other kids his age, to write, and even before that to draw the houses and people he saw when he was growing up in Reynosa, Mexico.

It's hard for a visitor seeing Valentin draw for the first time not to stare at him. After sitting down, he uses his left foot to take a dingy white sock off his other foot, and then balances his drawing pad against the desk in front of him. With his right foot, he picks up a black pen from the desk top, holding it tightly between his first two toes. His foot first curves, then flattens out as the delicate black lines appear on the white paper. When he finishes a few minutes later, he presents the visitor with a drawing of a perfectly proportioned foot holding a pen.

Valentin was born 20 years ago with only five-inch stumps for arms, with several fingers on each one. The deformity was caused by thalidomide, a sedative once used by pregnant women to prevent nausea, and since taken off the market.

Attached to Valentin's arms are metal hooks that give him sinister-looking hands. While he draws he rests them in his lap, and rarely uses them except to carry his portfolio or open doors. He depends instead on his bare feet, to open the lock on his locker, to carry his drawing pad, to pick up a pen.

He is nonchalant about his adeptness. "It's like, how did you start to play with your hands? That was my way to do it." "It wasn't his only choice though. He could have used his mouth, but he tries to keep from that

"because it's not real clean." And early in school, his parents and teachers wanted him to use his hands, but Valentin persisted in using his feet, knowing instinctively that's what he should do.

Far from considering his condition a handicap, Valentin looks on it as an advantage of sorts. "I don't think I would have been that much interested in art if I had had arms and hands," he says. Instead, he probably would have dropped out of school to work, like his brothers who quit before finishing the sixth grade.

Early on, after the first few drawings that he gave away to family and friends, Valentin was encouraged to draw, and if he hadn't had any intention of becoming an artist, their encouragement changed all that. "One thing that really pushed me is that people thought I was good, and that I would be an artist," he says. "I have to be an artist because they praised me," he reasoned.

Nearly 15 years later, he's still getting praise, this time from his teachers at Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) where he's a senior.

"Valentin is not good for someone who draws with his feet," says Pat Zeitoun, head of the school's art department and Valentin's teacher for three years. "That's not it. Valentin is outstanding."

When she first heard that someone who drew with his feet was interested in attending the school, Zeitoun was skeptical. But her skepticism vanished when she auditioned him at Fleming Junior High School and saw that he could do everything the other students could do.

"His talent was evident from the absolute beginning," says Zeitoun, "and since he's

been at HSPVA, he's grown intellectually as well as in his ability. One of the best things in the world for Valentin is to have been in this school that is filled with gifted children to begin with. Valentin has had to compete and we've never given him any leeway. In things as difficult as skill screening and things that are mechanically difficult to do, Valentin has done it."

When Valentin first arrived at the school, Zeitoun found herself watching him in his different classes and worrying about how he was going to approach a particular challenge. She doesn't do that anymore, but people who've never taught the young man do.

In January, when Valentin decided to take a jewelry class, which would require filing, sawing, and soldering, the jewelry teacher expressed her concern to Zeitoun. "How in the world is he going to do this? But we'll figure out a way."

Zeitoun told her, "If Valentin wants to do it, he'll find a way to do it." He apparently

came up with a way that was better than most of his classmates. "I break less saw blades than anybody else," says Valentin.

The only class he hasn't taken is photography and that's simply because the photo lab isn't ready in the school's new building. "He bought himself a camera and is doing photography at home," says Zeitoun. "Don't ask me how he focuses. He said he was going to surprise us with it."

Although he's capable of working in any art medium, Valentin "has really outstanding graphic abilities," says Zeitoun. "He's going to make a very fine illustrator, topographer, that's the direction he's going."

After he graduates from HSPVA in May, Valentin wants to attend East Texas State University in Commerce, near Dallas, to study advertising. "I know a lot of artists draw for fun," Valentin says. "But when I do something — that's why I like advertising — I do what people like, and not what I like. I'm real pleased when I please someone else."

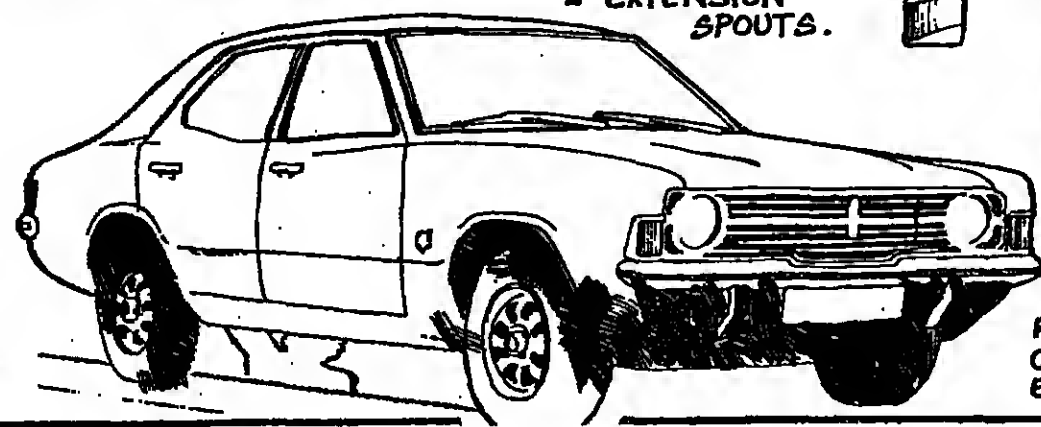


ARTIST AT WORK: Valentin Padron uses his feet as other people use their hands. Here he is seen at the drawing board completing a piece of artwork. His teachers are confident their student can do anything he wants.

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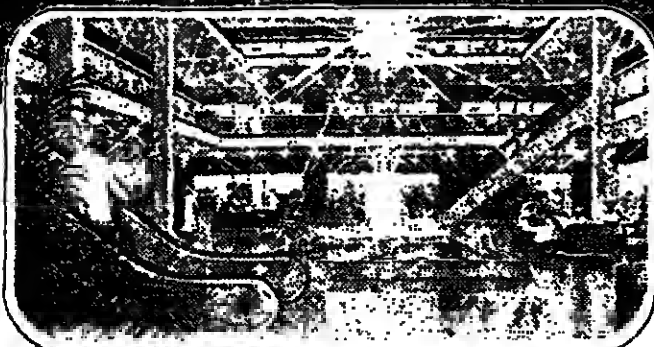
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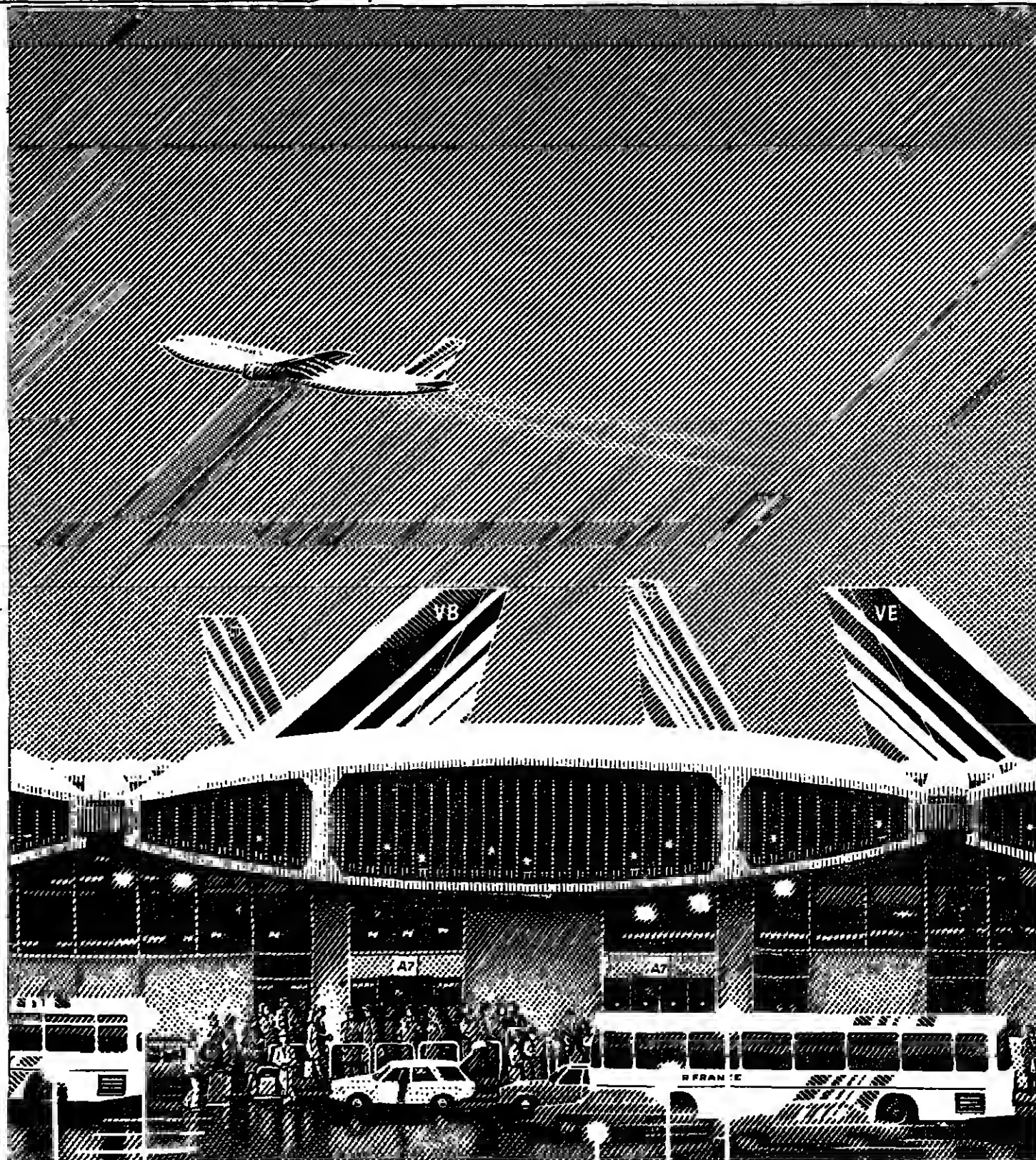
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Does a 'window of vulnerability' exist?

Reliability, accuracy of modern missiles doubted

By Ian Mather

LONDON — Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles are allegedly becoming so accurate that a Soviet president will soon be able to order a "surgical strike" against American land-based rockets and still have missiles in reserve.

He could then call on the American president to surrender or face the obliteration of American cities in a second-wave attack. At that point an American president, facing mass suicide if he ordered the launch of American submarines — and bomber-launched missiles, would probably choose surrender.

This theory has led American defense specialists to predict that America faces a "window of vulnerability" over its land-based missiles around the mid-1980s. It is the basis for the decision to spend billions of dollars on a new MX missile.

But does such a "window" really exist? According to studies recently published in Washington, the entire strategy is based on assumptions about the accuracy of missiles which can never be substantiated.

The "window of vulnerability" is a myth, according to Professor J. Edward Anderson, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the industrial engineering division at the University of Minnesota.

Professor Anderson is in a position to know. He invented and developed the long-range ballistic missile guidance system capable of mid-course corrections, led the development of the inertial reference system for Polaris submarines and directed the advanced deployment of solar probe spacecraft.

In a paper entitled "The Probability of Destruction of a Missile Silo" he has "re-derived" charts showing the statistical chances of missiles missing their targets using information available in open literature and avoiding any use of the "secret" knowledge he has acquired during his career.

He calculates that even if the accuracy of

Soviet missiles is as good as the CIA claims it could be, that is to within 300ft, then 108 of the 1,000 American Minutemen missiles, enough to cause devastating retaliatory damage on the Soviet Union, would remain intact after a "surgical strike."

If, to be on the safe side, Soviet leaders allowed for half the accuracy they had been given by their technicians, that is to 600ft, the charts show that no less than 606 Minutemen would be left.

If a second wave were launched 367 Minutemen would still remain, according to the charts, and this ignores the problem known as "fratricide", the destruction of incoming missiles by the electromagnetic pulse from those that have exploded.

For the Soviet leaders to have any confidence that they could hit 1,000 targets in the United States, they would have to conduct frequent tests and make minor adjustments after each one. Tests would have to be over the North Pole, since this is the route ballistic missiles aimed at one Super-Power by the other would take.

The only basis on which the leadership of the Soviet Union or the United States would be acting would be large-scale computer calculations. In any case it is unlikely that the Russians have gravitational field maps to the necessary accuracy over North America, or the United States over the Soviet Union.

Mid-course corrections are equally unreliable, Professor Anderson says. Star tracking is insufficiently accurate, and navigational satellites depend on microwave transmissions between the warhead and the satellite that could be jammed in various ways.

Terminal guidance — the technology that allows the missiles to take stock of their position when close to the target by comparing computerised maps on board the missile with the ground below — would not work with ballistic missiles.

Unlike cruise missiles, which are relatively slow-moving, intercontinental ballistic missiles re-enter the earth's atmosphere at 16,000 mph at a very shallow angle. At this speed the warhead is enveloped in an ionized shock layer which cannot be penetrated by the optical or infra-red waves needed for it to search for its position. Slowing down the missile would cause even more problems.

Professor Anderson casts doubt on the certainty of all the missiles working in the first place. He quotes the second law of thermodynamics as being particularly appropriate to missile systems. This states that when thermal systems are left to themselves with no energy input they tend to move in the direction of increasing disorder. Finely-tuned systems will shift slowly into a more disordered state due to temperature changes, humidity changes, vibrations and chemical changes. Guidance systems, for instance, can be maintained in their refined states year after year only by continual attention and adjustment.

Another Look

'Troublemakers' make '82 slogans

By Robert Yoakum

"These days he (Rep. Trent Lott, R., Miss.) is meeting with his 'kitchen cabinet of troublemakers,' as he puts it, a small group of younger congressmen with a flair for both partisanship and publicity. Their task is to shape some Republican slogans for the coming year, and...they are already prepared to denounce the Democrats for their 'obstructionism, delay, and fearmongering tactics.'" (end italics) — New York Times

"It isn't going to be easy," said Rep. Nary Gritchel. "If the economy is like this next November it won't matter what slogans we invent."

"Things don't look too good abroad, either," said Rep. Huey Whey. "The Democrats are bound to ask voters, like Reagan did in the campaign: 'Are you better off than you were two years ago?' And if they answer 'no' then we're going to be a lot worse off than we were two years ago."

"Even so, we've got to try," said Rep. Lent Trott. "The White House needs help, and so will we."

"Right now I don't give doodly squat about the White House," said Strut Rucktion. "We went flat to the mat for them last session. Now we're between a rock and a hard place."

"OK," said Trott, looking at his yellow pad. "All I've got here is: 'The Democrats are guilty of obstructionism, delay, and fearmongering tactics.'"

"It don't sing," said Rucktion. "Sounds like it was invented by a committee."

"It was," Trott replied. "Who's got anything better?"

"I read something the other day that might work," said Gritchel. "What the voters want is a sense of confidence. Reagan, ought to say something like, 'The fundamental business of the country is on a sound, and prosperous basis.'"

"No! No!" Trott shouted. "You read that in an article about Franklin Roosevelt! Herbert Hoover said it the day after the stock market crash. Reagan would be laughed out of public life!"

"Maybe," said Whey sarcastically. "you'd like to have the president use that other well-known Hoover quote, 'Nobody is actually starving. The hobos, for example, are better fed than they have ever been.'"

"They were probably eatin' ketchup for vegetables, like the school kids," Rucktion chuckled. No one else even smiled.

"The thing to do," Trott said, "is to nail the Democrats for inconsistencies and inaccuracies. Maybe we should denounce Democrat deceit, duplicity, and dupey. How does that sound?"

"It sounds like Spiro Agnew," said Gritchel, "as the media would point out within five minutes. Not only that, but I don't know that accuracy is something we want to bring up right now. Every time Reagan holds a press conference he puts his foot in it."

"An' the next day those White House aides look all tore-up," Rucktion said with a smile. "They act like stable boys cleanin' up after a horse that's snatched a dose of salts."

Trott winced. Although also from the South, he was often embarrassed at the way Rucktion expressed himself.

"Not only that," Whey said, "but that might get them going on Reagan's campaign promises. They could fill an hour-long TV program just with film clips of him saying that the nation's highest priority is wiping out the deficit."

There was a long silence.

"I know we've used it a lot already," Gritchel said, "but since most of the Democrats are for cuts in defense spending maybe we could use the old 'soft on Communism' line."

"After our man in the White House lifted the grain embargo on the Soviet Union?" Trott asked. "Anyway, a lot of Republicans want to cut the defense budget too."

They were silent once again. Finally the meeting broke up after rejecting Rucktion's suggestion that Reagan purloin Roosevelt's "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

The only optimistic note was struck by Whey as they were leaving: "I guess we'll just have to bank on the Democrats self-destructing as usual." They all left feeling much better.

Sunday, March 21.
A warm line for parents

THE NO-NO'S



By Peter J.

Steinmrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinmrohn: For me, visiting the doctor is like being called to the principal's office when I was a kid.

You're sure to get a lecture of one kind or other. "Don't eat so much. Quit smoking. Don't work so hard. Don't be so tense." On and on go the no-no's. Know what I mean? — Mr. M.

Dear Mr. M.: Of course I know. I'm a doctor aren't I? I've also had to hand out these no-no's to my own patients.

Like the kid in the principal's office, shall I let you get away without a lecture? My guess is that you're a chronic offender. You're a heavy smoker. You can't apply the appetite-brakes when you eat. If for no other reason than to earn his fee, your doctor has to help you keep alive. Especially when he knows that smoking, drinking and obesity are three of the prominent killers.

Or, would you prefer a yes-yes doctor instead? One who says, "Yes, you can smoke. Yes, you can drink too much. Yes, you can overeat."

The choice is yours, Mr. M. Do you want to be around a good while longer — or do you want to be shuffled off prematurely? (Uh uh, sorry! You've just had to endure another lecture "of one kind or another.")

MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steinmrohn: I am 66 and my diastolic blood pressure is only slightly higher than 90 most of the time. My doctor does not suggest medicine for it. Is it necessary? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Diastolic hypertension occurs quite often in the elderly. It can lead to stroke or heart failure. But there's disagreement whether mild hypertension should be treated with drugs — rather than with weight reduction, salt restriction and moderate exercise.

For example, writing in *Geriatrics*, Drs. L.S. Libow and R.N. Butler say, "We conclude from our own clinical experience and studies, that no clear evidence exists that morbidity is reduced when low grade mild hypertension is treated in older patients."

Your own doctor, Mrs. E., apparently leans to this conservative approach.

Dear Doctors: I've had stomach upsets like diarrhea and cramps. Finally I've traced them to times I take more milk than usual.

I have a 10-year-old son who also complains of similar upsets when he takes milk in large amounts. It seems to take effect within a few hours.

My husband can drink milk by the quart and is not bothered by it. I wonder if my son and I are allergic. On days when we cut down the amount of milk or don't take it at all, we feel comfortable. Is this a common complaint? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Better let your doctor make the specific diagnosis, but we believe you and your son may be suffering from lactose intolerance. We've written about it in many columns because the condition is so widespread.

Some persons have a deficiency of lactase. This is an enzyme that breaks down the milk sugar in the upper bowel. When it is absent, milk is not properly digested and undue fermentation in the bowel produces the diarrhea and cramps.

The condition may occur in from 5 to 10 percent of white adults and is much more common in blacks. And many a child stays home from school because of lactose intolerance. In some persons the intolerance is temporary. Their resistance may be low after an illness.

If you and your son need to cut out milk products altogether, you'll need to add calcium-rich foods to your diet. Some add the lactase enzyme to their milk so they won't be deprived. There's reason enough for discussing the problem with your doctor.

For Mrs. W.: It pays to be optimistic and have faith when illness strikes. But your faith in treatment of pneumonia with antibiotics may be misplaced.

Of course their use saves lives — but not all lives. Here are some reasons why it is important to try to prevent pneumonia with vaccine immunization.

Pneumonia, in spite of the effectiveness of antibiotics, is still the fifth leading cause of death in the United States.

One-half of all pneumonia cases are caused by viruses; the rest of bacteria. Pneumococcal pneumonia is the most common serious type.

There are as many as one-half million cases of this type of pneumonia in the United States each year. One estimate by the Surgeon General is that 54,000 people die from this disease every year.

People over 50 are at the highest risk. Especially those who suffer from chronic disease such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease or alcoholism. And those who already have influenza.

For these likely reasons, Mrs. W., your doctor has been advising you to be immunized.

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In Italian guerrilla trial

'Operation Dozier' recounted

VERONA, Italy, March 16 (R) — Self-confessed urban guerrilla Antonio Savasta Tuesday gave details in court of a military-style Red Brigades operation to kidnap U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier in Verona last year.

"It was a big project," Savasta told Assize court judges in his first public statement since police rescued the general and arrested his captors on Jan. 28. Flanked by two policemen and stooping over a microphone on the witness stand, Savasta, 27, said the strategic command of the extreme left-wing Red Brigades met late last year and declared war on NATO.

Savasta is one of six accused who have accepted an offer of shorter prison sentences in return for full cooperation with the prosecution. Sixteen Brigades members are charged with the kidnapping and another is accused of standing by to give medical help if necessary. Eight of the 17 are still at large.

Although the accused can boycott summary trial proceedings, all nine captured defendants were in court Tuesday including Ruggiero Volinia, an alleged member of the kidnap gang who had previously exercised his right not to appear.

Savasta told the court the Brigades command appointed a kidnap group led by him to seize Dozier, senior U.S. officer at the NATO southern land forces base in Verona.

During his evidence Red Brigades comrades, captured with Savasta in the Padua apartment where they had held Dozier for 52 days, peered through the bars of their cage and strained to catch every word.

Three windows closest to the judges' room

Belgian police clash with labor protesters

BRUSSELS, March 16 (AFP) — A march of 10,000 steel workers erupted in violence Tuesday leaving several injured as police clashed with demonstrators calling on the government to implement its restructuring plan for the steel sector in French-speaking areas of Belgium.

As helicopters hovered overhead, police called out cavalry and used water guns to control the marchers, who were trying to reach the heavily guarded parliament and government buildings.

Demonstrators pelted the security forces with stones and metal bolts. When police responded by throwing smoke bombs and launching baton charges, the demonstrators began tearing up paving stones. The demonstration was called by the pro-Socialist FGFB trade union and the Christian CSC union.

trum have been bricked up to guard against possible attack from adjacent rooftops against the elegant 14th century palace which serves as Verona's law courts.

Savasta answered patiently and at length all questions put by court president Francesco Pulcini about the structure of the Red Brigades, which had vowed to smash Italy's ruling establishment.

"I had sole responsibility for the military aspect of the kidnap," said Savasta, described by the press as public enemy No. 1 before his arrest. Continuing his policy of cooperation, Savasta told the court president and his two judges of previously undisclosed links between the Red Brigades and similar armed groups abroad.

"Straight after Gen. Dozier's kidnap we had contacts with people in France, Spain and West Germany," he said without elaborating. "But we paid special attention to the Mediterranean region." The Red Brigades heard that Bulgaria was offering to train

E. Germany to revise military laws

BERLIN, March 16 (AP) — East Germany has launched a propaganda campaign to convince citizens the country's defenses need strengthening. Announcements by the official ADN news agency that the Volkskammer, or parliament, will consider bills "on military service" and "the state border" beginning March 25 may be a prelude to extending the period of mandatory service or other changes in military laws.

No legislative details were revealed, but there has been widespread speculation among both East Germans and Westerners that the new laws would extend the time draftees serve in the army from 18 to 24 months. Another version, also unconfirmed, says the bill would raise from 35 to 40 the age at which reservists could be called back to active service.

East German officials have declined public comment on what the draft legislation actually contains. East Germany is estimated to have standing forces of 160,000 for a country of 17 million. But the 18-month period of service is one of the lowest in the Warsaw Pact. Soviet conscripts must serve two years in the ground forces or three years in the navy.

In West Germany, press reports have indicated that the Volkskammer will legalize the use of firearms to stop people from fleeing across the Iron Curtain border with East Germany.

urban guerrillas and give other material support to the Italian group as part of a campaign to destabilize Italy, Savasta said.

He said a meeting between a Red Brigades representative and an official from the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome had been arranged in a cinema in the Italian capital to discuss cooperation. Savasta said he did not know whether the meeting ever took place but in any case nothing came of the arrangement because the Red Brigades decided they had nothing to offer the Bulgarians in exchange.

The Bulgarian Embassy in Rome has denied that it established contact with the illegal armed group. An aide to Dozier, who will be a prosecution witness, said Tuesday that the U.S. officer was unlikely to appear in court before Thursday.

Ruling on a number of defense pleas at the close of Monday's session, the court president rejected a move by one defense lawyer to have the summary trial declared invalid.

East German border guards have been firing on would-be escapees for years, but their authorization has been covered by secret directives rather than statutes. West German officials claim 106 persons have been shot dead by East German border guards or killed by land mines since 1961.

In advance of the Volkskammer session, the East German media have been warning of the "NATO confrontation course" and the "aggressive policies of the United States administration."

Deputy Defense Minister Heinz Kessler recently referred before 700 party and government functionaries to the assessment of party chief Erich Honecker that "peace has never been threatened as much as now since the end of World War II."

"This assessment is the starting point for all military-political deliberations, decisions and measures which we have to take in the interest of maintaining peace and security in Europe," Kessler added.

There are at least three reasons according to observers why the East German leaders may be reluctant to extend the length of military conscription and instead may opt for raising the reservist age:

— Discontent among youths — especially in view of a fledgling peace movement that wants a "social peace service" as an alternative to military duty. More than 4,000 East German youths have reportedly signed petitions for this.

— A labor shortage which would be worsened if youths had to serve longer in the defense services.

— Hope on the part of authorities that a stepped-up propaganda drive for the armed services would boost the number of volunteers.

Japan veteran coughs up war bullet fragment

TOKYO, March 16 (AP) — A former Japanese Imperial Army soldier recently coughed up a World War II bullet fragment he carried in his lung for 39 years.

Tetsuro Sasaki, 68, a farmer who lives in northern Japan, was at home watching television March 9 when he began coughing heavily. A small black lump popped out of his throat, he told the Associated Press in a telephone interview Tuesday after returning from a local hospital. The "lump" proved to be a 3-centimeter bullet fragment which entered Sasaki in Burma during World War II.

Sasaki served as a locomotive engineer for the Imperial Army's railway corps in Burma when his train was strafed by a British aircraft in 1944. The "Burma Railway" was known for the bridge over the River Kwai built by allied prisoners of war.

In the aircraft attack, Sasaki was hit in the back by a bullet fragment which penetrated his right lung, he said. Sasaki said he asked several doctors in Burma and Japan to remove the fragment, but they told him the fragment was lodged deep in the lung and surgery would be too dangerous.

The World War II veteran, who said he has suffered poor health because of the injury, is delighted with the "miracle." "Now, I feel like I can live much longer. It took a real load off my chest," he said.

Mass killer's retrial begins in California

HAYWARD, California, March 16 (R) — A defense lawyer for Juan Corona, convicted of murdering 25 farm workers, has told a court that his client's half-brother was most probably responsible for the killings.

Lawyer Terence Hallinan told a jury Monday on the opening day of Corona's retrial that the half-brother, Natavid Corona, was probably dead. "He was subject to fits of manic rage," Hallinan said there was probably not enough evidence to convict Natavid, but he said repeatedly that his client was innocent of the machete murders of the farm workers near Yuba city, California, in the spring of 1971.

Juan Corona, 48, a one time labor contractor from Mexico who speaks little English, apparently nodded off to sleep several times earlier while a prosecutor accused him for the second time in nine years of the killings. He was sentenced in 1973 to 25 consecutive life terms for committing what was the biggest mass murder in U.S. history.

Corona's conviction was overturned in 1977 by a California appeals court which ruled that his lawyer had been incompetent. He has been in prison since then awaiting the retrial.

U.S. urged to act

Experts see U.N. failure

NEW YORK, March 16 (R) — A group of international affairs experts, including three former U.S. secretaries of state, has urged the United States to reassess its policy toward the United Nations.

They said in a statement Monday night that the ability of the United Nations to deal impartially and effectively with world issues had deteriorated. Among other things, they accused the Security Council of failing to "act against, condemn or even consider" threats to peace.

The group, which included former secretaries of state Dean Rusk, Cyrus Vance and Edmund Muskie, said the United States should be prepared to act alone or with others outside the United Nations. "The U.N. System, with some good works in the cause of peace, economic and social betterment and human rights, also reflects — and occasionally aggravates — the dangerous international environment in which the United

States finds itself," they said.

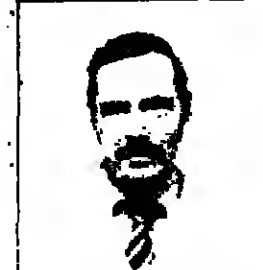
They urged the United Nations to establish a nuclear security planning committee, consisting of all states capable of exploding nuclear weapons, to investigate nuclear threats and establish regions where no nuclear weapons could be produced.

Kenya's food crop hit

NAIROBI, March 16 (AFP) — A major outbreak of army worms in Kenya is threatening the country's food crop according to the official Kenya News Agency (KNA).

In a report published here Tuesday, KNA said that Kisi district, which is the leading food crop producer in Nyanza province on the Lake Victoria basin, is now threatened with famine following a serious outbreak of army worms there, which continue to destroy newly planted maize, sorghum and finger millet crop.

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Reagan hints at use of veto over budget

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, March 16 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan toughened his stance in the budget dispute that is pitting him against Congress and business, in a speech here at the start of a two-day tour of southern states.

"I have a veto of my own, the presidential veto, and I will not hesitate to use it," Reagan told his audience Monday on the first stop of a tour that will take him also to Nashville, Tennessee, and Oklahoma City.

While Reagan talked of the Reverend Martin Luther King, who led the great march of black Americans on this city in 1964, 16 black elected officials demonstrated against the president, accusing him of being "a man whose philosophy is taking from the poor to give to the rich."

Reagan was in no mood to talk compromise on his 1983 budget. "We do not have a big

Taipei sales touch \$1.6b

TAIPEI, March 16 — The Republic of China's exports of industrial products in January amounted to \$1.6 billion indicating an increase of \$24 million or 3.7 percent over the same month last year, according to statistics released by the Industrial Development Bureau.

The statistics showed, however, the export value of industrial products in January dropped by \$170 million from that of the previous month.

Exports of heavy industrial products amounted to \$648 million, accounting for 38.5 percent of this nation's industrial exports and those of light industrial products totaled \$1 billion.

Run on banks sends peso down

BUENOS AIRES, March 16 (R) — The Argentine peso tumbled in value as thousands of people rushed to banks to buy dollars.

The dollar, which was worth 12,000 pesos at the beginning of last year, stood at 12,725 at the close of business in Buenos Aires a fall of 13.7 percent during the day.

It had already fallen almost 10 percent last week after what the government described as a temporary slow-down in the amount of foreign exchange arriving in the country as payment for crop exports.

Argentina is going through its worst financial crisis this century, with inflation running at 115 percent last year, heavy unemployment and foreign debts totaling \$34 billion. Foreign exchange reserves were estimated at \$5 billion last month.

deficits because our people live too well and are not taxed enough," he said. "We have big deficits because government does too well and spends too much." The American people are "already taxed up to their eyeballs," he emphasized.

The main theme of Reagan's tour was the necessity for the huge defense appropriation in the budget. "The one area for which the federal government is clearly, solely responsible, is our national defense," Reagan said.

Our challenge today is to ensure that foreign aggressors are not tempted again by a false perception of American weakness.

No American president must ever sit across the negotiating table from someone dedicated to the destruction of our way of life unless our military strength is such that they on the other side of the table have a reason, a good reason, to legitimately negotiate a reduction of weapons for their own feeling of security," Reagan said.

The president said he has not "given up on a balanced budget," but he was unable to say how it could be achieved.

Japan must lift curbs--France

TOKYO, March 16 (AP) — Visiting French External Trade Minister Michel Jobert Tuesday said he was not seeking a confrontation with Japan over bilateral trade relations that lean heavily in Tokyo's favor.

Jobert arrived here Monday on a four-day visit at the head of a 21-member delegation of the National Council of French Business Leaders. His visit is also aimed at laying the groundwork for next month's visit here by French President Francois Mitterrand.

There was also no indication yet of anything concrete emerging from two days of talks here by the Franco-Japanese joint committee to promote exchanges. The talks scheduled to end Tuesday, coincide with Jobert's visit.

"We are not here for a confrontation," Jobert said after a morning session with Japanese International Trade Minister Shintaro Abe.

"For us, it is a matter of maintaining an on-going dialogue with the Japanese, who cannot indefinitely hang on to obstacles while claiming to be committed to the principles of free trade," he said. Jobert is also scheduled to have talks with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Agriculture Minister Kichiro Tazawa, Transport Minister Tokusaburo Kosaka and other top Japanese figures.

The French team to the joint committee to promote exchanges, led by Jacques Joutard, meanwhile, was apparently facing a hardening in the Japanese position — as did the Americans in similar talks last week, French sources said.

The joint committee, formed following Premier Zenko Suzuki's visit to France last

BP foresees OPEC cutting price to \$30

LONDON, March 16 (R) — British Petroleum (BP) chairman Peter Walters has said he thought it likely that Friday's OPEC meeting in Vienna would result in the OPEC benchmark being lowered from \$34 to \$30 a barrel.

"There are a number of scenarios and if I had to settle for one I would say \$30 for Arab light crude," he told a news conference, adding that OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) would also have to cut production and reduce the current glut to stop prices falling further.

His remarks echo comments by Sir Peter Baxendale, number two man in the Royal Dutch/Shell oil group, who told reporters last week that oil prices would stabilize only if OPEC cut output to match supply to demand. But the Shell official also did not rule out OPEC lowering the benchmark to get into line with non-OPEC exporters such as Britain and Mexico which have already cut prices.

year, was established to find concrete ways of correcting the French trade deficit with Japan — a deficit which had increased tenfold since 1970 to reach \$1,500 million by the end of last year.

Currently meeting for the third time in Tokyo, the joint committee essentially seeks a lifting of non-tariff barriers on a number of products and ways of boosting French exports to Japan.

The French side is likely to obtain a number of concessions for the following items: mineral water, some cosmetics, human placenta albumin, and ferro-nickel on which import duties would be cut.

On products of major importance to France — such as agriculture and food products — that would prove a real breakthrough, no progress has yet been made.

The Japanese intractability on the latter is linked to the fact that the slightest feeback given to France would also bring pressure on Tokyo to make similar concessions to the United States, Canada, Australia or New Zealand which are also pressing for an opening of the Japanese market.

On the promotion of French imports, no concrete results are expected in the short-term even if there is reason to hope that the European Airbus, the Transall transport aircraft and helicopters will have a better chance of breaking into the Japanese market.

Sources close to the French delegation said that as far as imports of enriched uranium were concerned, it appeared that Japan did not intend to increase its strategic stocks for two years.

Terms to be tightened

Bitten by Poland bankers shy of lending

LONDON, March 16 (R) — Poland's problem in repaying its huge Western debt is contributing to a tougher line among world bankers that is making it harder for all but the safest borrowers to raise money, according to a Reuters survey.

Bankers and economists interviewed around the world reported a growing uneasiness over lending money in countries with less than a top credit rating.

This more cautious mood follows a decade of explosive growth in international finance. The total of loans rose nearly 20 percent a year in the 1970s as bankers eager to finance almost every conceivable project, nearly always gave borrowers the benefit of the doubt despite the risks.

Poland is only the best publicized example of what has bothered officials in governments and banks who monitor what are known in the banking world as international capital flows.

According to statistics compiled by the

Paris-based Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) syndicated loans and new bond issues — which together make up the vast majority of international borrowings — should rise to \$135 billion in 1982 from \$130 billion last year.

The OECD said the figure excluded \$44 billion raised last year by U.S. organizations to finance takeover bids which was considered a once a year-only spree.

Coupled with a marked slowdown in the pace of lending, the bankers and economists said they foresaw loan terms would be significantly hardened for riskier borrowers.

They said that instead of giving a borrowing country 10 years in which to repay the loan, they might, for example, only get eight years, adding to their already severe debt burdens.

And as bankers become more selective in their lending, directing more money toward

projects in the industrialized world, competition for loans among developing countries will push up their costs.

Competition among banks should keep the cost of borrowing down for those judged more creditworthy, but bankers argued that high profit margin was essential for higher risk loans.

One London banker said that aside for the chance to make more money, narrow margins allowed no fat to create reserves to cover loan losses or to offset the increasing amount of time and money lost in prolonged negotiations to collect overdue loans from debtors such as Poland. They said that some borrowers could expect to pay higher fees and commissions to arrange loans from syndicates of banks commonly foreseen to spread the risks.

"Country risk assessment has become a lot more sophisticated," according to one London banker.

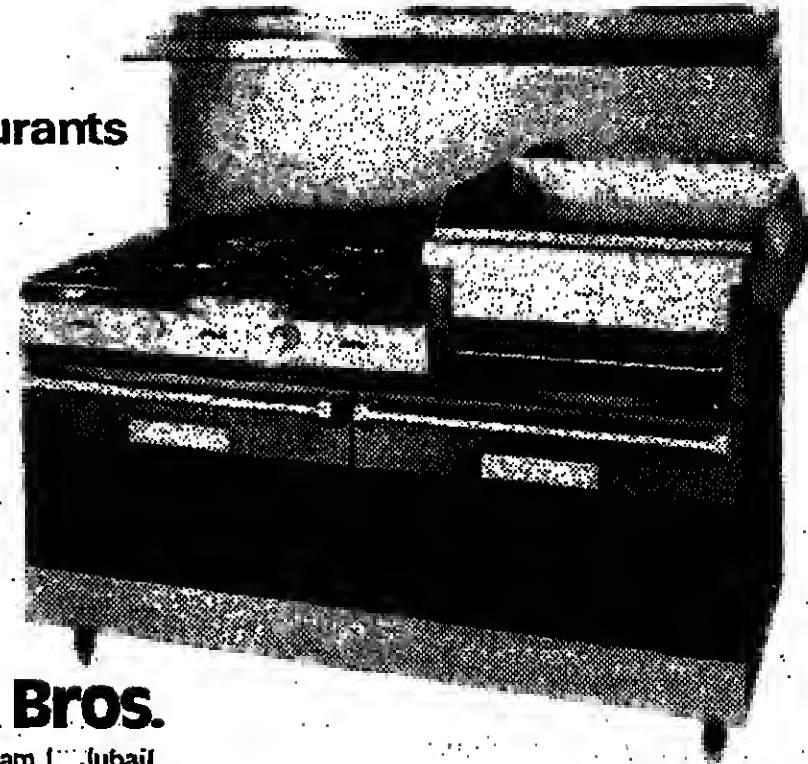
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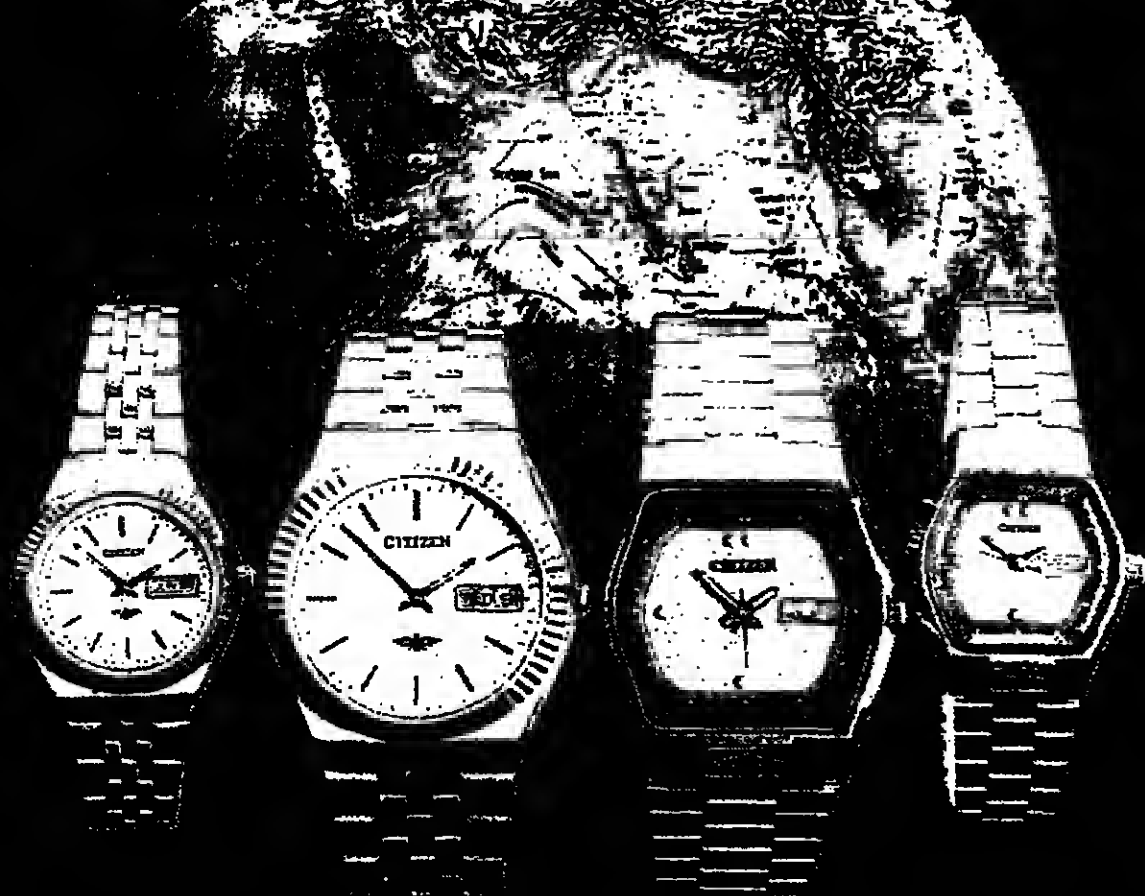
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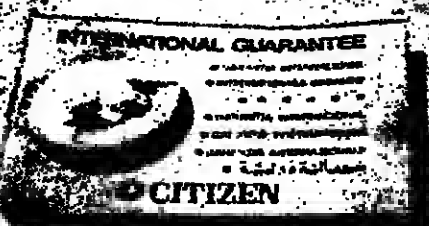


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Davignon says

EEC oil stocks fall alarmingly

BRUSSELS, March 16, (R) — Oil stocks in the European Economic Community (EEC) are down alarmingly as a result of falling demand and should not be allowed to drop further, EEC Industry Commissioner Etienne Davignon said Tuesday.

He told a meeting of EEC industry ministers there were signs that the oil glut had led to a dangerous relaxation of stock levels as well as hesitation over plans to reduce the community's heavy dependence on oil.

"We must not misinterpret the short-term signs. The danger persists of a third oil shock," his spokesman quoted him as telling the meeting.

Two sharp price rises, one in 1973 following the Arab-Israeli war and another in 1979-80 after a post-revolutionary slump in Iranian output, hit EEC economies hard.

Davignon said that according to recent surveys by the International Energy Agency (IEA) stock levels in EEC countries will have fallen to 120 days by April 1 from 127 days at the beginning of the year, a drop of 5.5 percent.

If the current trend continued, stocks would fall by a further 10 million tons, or the equivalent of eight days consumption, by Oct. 1. Stocks would then be at 117 days, or six percent below the level in the same month last year.

"Such a level would be woefully inadequate at the beginning of what might be a bitter winter and would render our security precarious," Davignon was quoted as saying.

The oil stocks have dropped as demand for oil had fallen away in recent months, prompting a crisis in the market. OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) have

Iran to slash oil exports

LONDON, March 16 (R) — Iran will cut its oil exports in the 1982-83 financial year to a level just meeting its foreign exchange needs, according to Iran's minister of state for budget and planning, Muhammad Taqi Bani.

Presenting the budget for the new Iranian year beginning March 21, Bani said Monday that revenue from oil exports would drop to 56.3 percent of total revenues from 79 percent five years before the 1979 revolution which overthrew the Shah.

Western oil market analysts say Iran has been hard hit by buyer defections in the prevailing glut. In a speech before the Majlis (parliament), reported by the Iranian National News Agency, (IRNA) received in London, Bani added that revenue from taxes had been raised to 27 percent from 17.5 percent in an effort to bridge the gap between rich and poor.

Bani said that under the Shah Iran had allocated 16 percent of its revenue to foreign loans and interest. In the new budget, this share had been reduced to only one percent so that the government's inevitable obligations could be met, he said.

Shipping industry outlook gloomy

LONDON, March 16 (AFP) — The world container shipping industry faces a "gloomy" future due to increasing over-capacity through new deliveries, stockbrokers Phillips and Drew said in their latest *Shipping Review*.

These deliveries are made more quickly than the build-up in world trade, they said. In addition, competition will become fiercer, particularly from independent operators, while on the Europe/Far East route, there is the aggressive pricing policy on the trans-Siberian land link, the stockbrokers pointed out.

"It seems likely that the Russian government will continue to adopt an aggressive pricing policy for the Trans-Siberian Railway (TSR).

Although new orders for container ships have fallen, the rate of increase in the world fleet, as implied by the current order book, is "well in excess" of the projected increase in container volumes, the *Review* said.

With 80 percent of the container fleet less

already agreed to reduce output to 18.5 million barrels a day from 20 million and are due to meet Friday in Vienna to discuss further measures.

Davignon urged ministers to ensure that stocks were maintained and to press ahead with programs to diversify away from oil to coal and nuclear power, his spokesman said.

Oil currently accounts for about 50 percent of the community's energy consumption, and EEC member states have set themselves the target of reducing this to 40 percent by 1990 through energy-saving measures and diversification.

In an unrelated development, the EEC Monday approved an overall two percent cut in imports from the Soviet Union this year over 1980 because of martial law in Poland.

The list of 59 goods whose importation will be slashed by 50 percent was approved by EEC finance ministers.

Last month, the EEC Commission, the 10-nation trading bloc's bureaucracy, proposed to cut imports of nearly 1,000 goods reducing overall imports from Russia by 3.5 percent, EEC sources said.

In 1980 — last year for which complete figures are available — the EEC imported some \$11 billion worth of products from the

U.S. sea law stand opposed

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — Third World countries were reported to have decided to reject U.S. proposals to change provisions on sea-bed mining in the proposed law of the sea.

The Third World's position became known after a private meeting Monday of the Group of 77, the group of developing countries at the United Nations.

A participant in the meeting, preferring not to be identified, said the chairman of the group, Alvaro de Soto of Peru, would convey its position Tuesday to the conference committee that deals with the sea-bed mining provisions in the proposed treaty.

The informant said De Soto would tell the committee that the Group of 77 could not

Kuwait, Bulgaria review trade ties

KUWAIT, March 16 (AP) — The ruler of Kuwait and the president of Bulgaria launched talks Tuesday on bilateral relations and Soviet-bloc policies in the Middle East and Gulf region.

Senior cabinet ministers and advisers from both sides sat in on the first round of official talks, chaired by Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov.

Official sources said the political aspects of the discussion included Middle Eastern developments and the Iran-Iraq war. The Gulf security situation and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan were also believed to have been raised.

Zhivkov arrived Monday on the first visit by an East bloc leader to a conservative Gulf Arab state since the 1976 Kuwait trip of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Soviet Union.

The 59 products on the EEC's sanctions list include caviar, shrimp, diamonds, upright pianos, toys, glass products and carpets.

Official comment was withheld Monday as to the overall 1980 import value of these goods. "That calculation has not been made yet," one official said. Sources said, however, they totalled \$423 million. The EEC will cut this to \$212 million or 1.9 percent of 1980, by lowering import quotas, they added.

Later, taking up the issue of trade with Japan, the EEC ministers accused Japan of keeping the yen artificially undervalued in order to launch a new trade offensive.

After the meeting, French Finance minister Jacques Delors said the ministers had reviewed in depth the "astonishing weakness of the yen over the last few months" which even the "experts" had not been able to explain away.

The council of ministers agreed to prepare a new study of trade relations with Japan to be discussed at their next meeting in May just before the Versailles summit. Delors said the British had been particularly vociferous in the chorus of EEC disquiet at trade deficits with Tokyo.

take the U.S. proposals as a basis for negotiation because the Third World had already made many concessions in agreeing to the sea-bed mining provisions in the present draft of the intended treaty.

That draft is the latest of a series of texts worked out in the course of a conference begun in December 1973.

The U.S. proposals call for more than 230 changes in the draft treaty. According to one of them, permanent seats on the council to grant contracts for sea-bed mining would be guaranteed to the seven countries that pay the highest U.N. dues — the United States, the Soviet Union, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain and Italy.

The Bulgarian head of state's visit was seen here as a bid to consolidate ties between Socialist countries in Europe and Kuwait.

Official sources said side meetings between concerned Bulgarian and Kuwaiti ministers discussed means of promoting the flow of Kuwait petrodollar investments to Bulgaria and of making further use of Bulgarian technical and medical expertise. Also discussed were a number of possible joint ventures, including a Black Sea tourist resort, livestock and food processing projects, the sources said.

Trade exchange between Bulgaria and Kuwait increased six-fold over the present seven years, standing now around \$30 million.

Poland pays interest on bank debts

WARSAW, March 16 (R) — Poland announced Tuesday that it had completed the payment of outstanding interest in its 1981 debts to Western banks, thus taking a small but significant step toward easing its huge debt problem.

The announcement by Bank Handlowy Vice-President Jan Woldzyn paves the way for the signing of an agreement on the rescheduling of some \$2.4 billion that Poland should have paid back to Western bankers last year.

Western bankers had refused to defer repayments of the 1981 debts until all the interest had been paid. Poland in effect had to ask for more time when it failed to make the payments by a self-imposed deadline of mid-February. It then set itself a new target date of March 26.

News that Warsaw has completed payment of what was estimated at \$50 and \$75 million is expected to go some way toward repairing confidence in the country's ability to handle and pay off its estimated total debts of \$26.5 billion. "The payments are finished and we are very optimistic about the signing," Woldzyn told Reuters.

ADB pledges \$7b loans to Africa

ADDIS ABABA, March 16 (AFP) — Lending to African nations by the African Development Bank Group (ADB) will nearly triple to about \$7.3 billion over the next five years, a senior ADB official has disclosed here.

ADB Vice-President S.A. Ogunleye said loans by the group to African states for the preceding five years totaled \$2.6 billion. He said the bank's lending had been steadily growing over the past several years to help ADB members countries surmount the bleak economic prospects facing a majority of them.

France produces 'Superbike' anew

PARIS, March 16 (AFP) — After 25 years, France has begun making big motorcycles again, and the first three "superbike" 1,300 cubic centimeter machines with a "made in France" label came off the assembly line last month.

The 33,800 franc (\$5,600) motorcycles, made by the BFG firm at Chambéry in south-east France, have four-cylinder Citroën air-cooled engines and a top speed of 200 kms (125 miles) an hour.

The front suspension comes from Spain, the electrical system is Japanese and Italy supplied the brakes. But the gearbox, back suspension and exhaust, like the engine, is thoroughly French.

Financial Roundup

Dollar makes strong gains

By J.H. Hammond
JEDDAH, March 16 — The dollar was quite strong on the Tuesday European exchange markets, compared to Monday's fluctuations. Major gains were registered against the major currencies, especially the yen.

The dollar's rise, reflected firming of Eurodollar deposit levels, by as much as 14 percent in one day, taking the one-month dollar rate to 15 9/16 percent from 15 1/16 percent Monday. Federal Reserve "Fed" funds rates continued to trade strong in New York, and closed at 15 3/4 percent, the highest for the past two weeks.

In the bullion markets, gold prices made a surprising rally in New York Monday night, taking prices to \$324 levels from \$312-313 earlier in the day in Europe. Dealers attributed the rise to some last-minute buying orders as well as some international worries over South Lebanon tensions.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates were traded at a higher level compared with Monday levels, taking the one-month JIBOR rate to 13 1/4-13 1/2 percent at one stage compared to 12 1/2-13 percent opening levels earlier in the day.

The rises in Eurodollar deposit levels signalled a fresh surge in the dollar's value on the exchange markets. The money markets were generally starved of any fresh "hard" economic news, and they watched the Federal Reserve Board's moves very closely. Likewise, the Friday rise in the U.S. money supply figures continued to worry money market managers about whether the "Fed" was really doing enough to control money supply.

In the exchange markets, the dollar made fresh advances against the other currencies, especially the Japanese yen which fell back to 242.10 by the end of the day, compared

with Monday's 239.60 levels. The yen was reportedly under selling pressure as rumors swept the markets of some possible concerted Western European and American trade actions against Japanese exports to those countries. The British pound recovered slightly in face of some moderate rises in British interest rates, but early levels of 1.8140 soon gave way to 1.8050 levels as the dollar strengthened. The German mark fell back to 2.3790 levels, while the Swiss franc also weakened to 1.8795 levels. It was the French franc that was the most volatile as usual, for it fell back to 6.1170 from 6.0800 Monday despite a 2.3 percent rise in French interest rates.

In the local exchanges, the rial/dollar spot rate opened at 3.4195-05, but soon rose to 3.4203-13 levels as the dollar strengthened in Europe. Inter-bank dealing was reportedly up over Monday levels and commercial demand for the dollar was also strong. Brokers operation out of Bahrain also reported some increased activity in the local money markets Tuesday.

Rial deposit rates were also firmer compared to Monday levels, with the one-year tenor quoted at 13 1/4-13 1/2 percent from 13-13 1/4 percent Monday, and week-fixed rising to 12-13 percent from 11 3/4-12 1/4 percent earlier in the day. Dealers reported that rial rates were on the whole quite stable and that these rises in rate were not too "excessive". One reason was that there was some liquidity injections into the system from contractor payments.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	322.25
Paris	324.08
Frankfurt	324.00
Zurich	322.50
Hong Kong	326.61

Soviet bloc's growth seen slowing

GENEVA, March 16 (R) — Economic growth is slowing in the Soviet bloc and exports have dropped while the region's debts to the West keep mounting, United Nations economists reported Tuesday.

The economic output of smaller East European countries declined by one percent last year after growth of one percent in 1980. The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) said in its annual survey of the Soviet bloc. Even the Soviet Union, far more richly endowed with raw materials, saw the rate of growth drop slightly to 3.2 percent, it said.

The volume of Eastern Europe's exports dropped by two percent last year after growing by four percent in 1980 while the volume of Soviet exports slipped from around one percent growth in 1980 to a four percent decline last year.

At the same time, the region's debts to the West rose to \$80.7 billion last year, up from \$72.4 billion in 1980, the 319-page survey said.

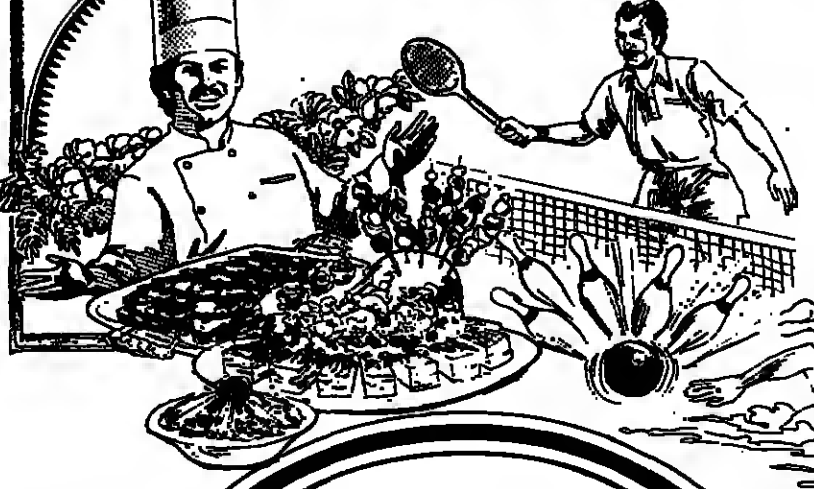
The \$22.4 billion owed by Poland to the West made up about one-quarter of the Soviet bloc's total Western debt, the ECE said. Warsaw also owed \$2.6 billion in convertible currencies to other communist states.

Total borrowing costs — including interest rates and fees for arranging loans — rose to record levels last year, and the Communist countries had to pay about \$8.5 billion in interest compared to \$7 billion in 1980 and \$12.7 billion in 1979, it added.

The Soviet bloc switched to more short-term loans and non-syndicated borrowing last year to meet its financial needs, and the level of its medium and long-term syndicated bank loans dropped to \$7.5 billion from \$12.7 billion in 1980.

Communist states may have chosen this more confidential way of raising money because it allowed them to accept stiffer conditions than in the past without other banks knowing, the survey said.

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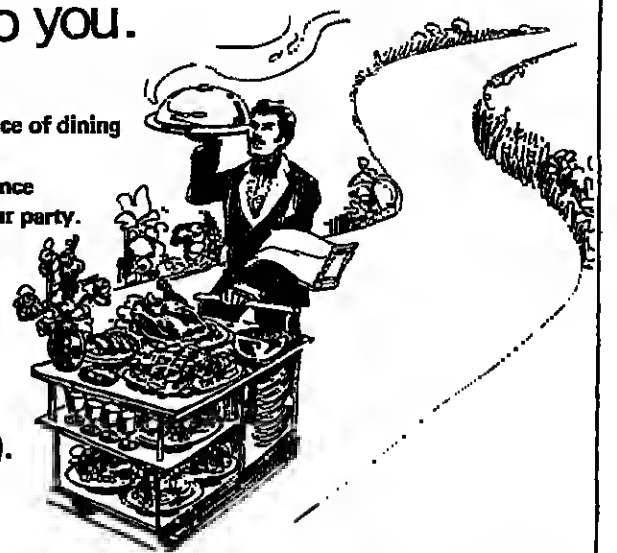


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Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	281.00
Canadian Dollar	144.50	143.85
Dutch Guilder (100)	133.00	131.30
Egyptian Pound	3.44	3.85
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.00	93.20
French Franc (100)	56.75	55.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	55.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.85
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.00	26.70
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.20
Jordanian Dinar	9.95	9.84
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.06	12.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	71.25	70.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	37.75	39.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	30.90
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.55
Pound Sterling	6.22	6.19
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.10
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	161.20
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	32.80
Swiss Franc (100)	183.00	181.85
Syrian Lira (100)	58.00	63.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90

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At Auckland

Hadlee bowls Kiwis to cakewalk victory

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 16 (AP) — New Zealand won the second cricket Test against Australia at Eden Park here Tuesday after the Australian second innings fell to pieces before lunch.

The last six Australian wickets fell for 39 — four of them to the irrepressible Richard Hadlee — and left New Zealand a target of 104 runs for victory. After some moments of hesitancy when the first two wickets fell for 17, and the third at 44, New Zealand got home by five wickets.

The decisive innings came from hurly Lance Cairns. He was promoted to No. 5 in the order in a move which paid off handsomely. He muscled his way to 34 off 21 balls, including two booming sixes, to ensure New Zealand's first victory on this ground since they won their first Test ever against the West Indies in 1956.

It would have been fitting if man-of-the-match Bruce Edgar, whose first innings 161 set-up the winning advantage, had hit the final run. But with the scores tied he clipped a catch to backward point. In stride Hadlee, the next most worthy contender, and two balls later he sent the ball sailing over mid-wicket for six to end the game.

Hadlee initiated the Australian slide Tuesday morning when he had Greg Chappell caught at cover off the first ball of the day. Chappell and Allan Border resumed the Australian second innings at 241 for four, a position from which Australia should have

been able to save the game.

But Chappell's dismissal gave the New Zealand bowlers a grip which they never relinquished. Hadlee took 4 for 5 in 33 deliveries, finishing with five wickets in a Test innings for the 12th time in his career.

Although Border hung on gamely and was last man out for 38, there were never going to be enough runs on the board for Australia to bowl at. New Zealand now lead one-nil on the series. The final Test starts in Christchurch on Friday, with the same 12 representing New Zealand.

Apart from Hadlee, John Morrison, Lance Cairns and Bruce Edgar also played major roles in New Zealand's triumph. Morrison, a top order batsman who rarely bowls in first class cricket, picked up two wickets in a long and accurate spell of spin bowling.

Richard Hadlee...deadly spell

Score-board	
Australia (1st innings):	218
New Zealand (1st innings):	387
Australia (2nd innings):	100
New Zealand (2nd innings):	39
B. Edgar c Snedden b Cairns	39
J. Dyson b Cairns	33
K. Hughes b Cairns	17
G. Chappell c Edgar b Hadlee	24
A. Border c Howard b Morrison	38
R. Marsh c Crowe b Hadlee	3
B. Yardley c Crowe b Hadlee	0
J. Thomson b Hadlee	0
D. Lillee c Smith b Morrison	5
A. Alderman not out	17
Extras:	280
Fall of wickets: 1-106, 2-167, 3-196, 4-202, 5-241.	

Score-board

6-254, 7-254, 8-260, 9-277.	
Bowling: Hadlee 28-53-5; Troup 15-4-31-0; Cairns 44-10-85-3; Snedden 8-2-22-0; Coney 4-1-6-0; Morrison 35-16-52-2; Mowarth 4-2-4-0.	
New Zealand (2nd innings):	29
B. Edgar c Lillee b Yardley	04
J. Wright c Laird b Alderman	04
J. Morrison c Marsh b Lillee	08
G. Howard c Chappell b Yardley	19
L. Cairns b Border	34
J. Coney not out	5
R. Hadlee not out	6
Extras:	109
Total (for 5 wks):	
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-17, 3-44, 4-97, 5-103.	
Bowling: Lillee 13-5-32-1; Alderman 7-0-30-1; Yardley 7-4-20-2; Border 2-1-3-1.	

Sri Lanka hammers Pakistan attack

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, March 16 (AP) — The touring Sri Lankan cricketers strengthened their grip over the second Test against Pakistan when they piled up 454 and captured an important wicket of opener Mohsin Hasan at the Iqbal Stadium here Monday.

At close of the second day of play, the home team was 47 for 1 — still 208 runs behind the target for averting follow-on.

Despite their advantage, the Sri Lankan team witnessed some unfortunate moments as two of their batsmen missed centuries. Dias, overnight 80, was out two runs short of his landmark. He was caught by Saleem Malik in the slips off Iqbal Qasim for 98.

The other batsman to miss the hundred mark was Madugalle who fought a long battle and finally ran short of partners. When Sri Lanka's first innings ended, he was nine short of his Test hundred.

Earlier Wettimuny who had already scored the first-ever Test century for his country Sunday, was out after having collected 157 runs, the highest Test score by any Sri Lankan. He stayed at the wicket for 370 minutes during which he cracked 21 boundaries. He

was also associated in a 217-run second wicket partnership with Dias. The two were separated at the score of 294 when Dias offered a low catch to close in fielder. His partner misjudged a delivery from Wasim Raja which turned sharply and hit the stumps.

The touring Sri Lankans, with an overnight score of 270 for 1, ended the first session of play for lunch at 355 for six, adding only 85 runs at the cost of five wickets.

The left-arm spinner Iqbal Qasim took four of the five wickets before lunch to complete his 100 Test wickets. Sri Lanka was all

out for 454 at tea. The only solid partnership between lunch and tea was between Madugalle and spinner Somachandra D'Silva who together put on 71 runs for the eighth wicket.

Change bowler, Rizwanuz Zaman ran through the tail of Sri Lanka and claimed three wickets for 26 runs. Pakistan opened with Rizwanuz Zaman and Mohsin Hasan after tea. Trying to hook Demel, Mohsin was caught by Wettimuny at 19. At close of play Rizwanuz Zaman was batting with 13 and Saleem Malik 18.

Score-board

Sri Lanka (1st innings):	157
Wettimuny b Wasim Raja	157
Gundalle c Malik b Qasim	98
D. Dias c Malik b Qasim	91
Madugalle not out	16
Mendis c Malik b Qasim	16
Ranasinghe b Qasim	0
Ranasinghe c Mianad b Qasim	0
Demel c Mianad b Qasim	4
Somachandra b Rizwanuz	25
Kaleemullah b Rizwanuz	5
Ajith b Rizwanuz	25
Extras:	47

Total:	454
Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-294, 3-304, 4-341, 5-341.	
6-355, 7-385, 8-446, 9-448.	
Bowling: Tahir Naqash 26-4-108-0; Rashid Khan 13-3-52-0; Iqbal Qasim 65-18-141-6; Tauseef Ahmed 12-3-33-0; Wasim Raja 26-6-66-1; Javed Mianad 1-0-1-0; Rizwanuz Zaman 12-5-26-3.	
Pakistan (1st innings):	
Rizwanuz Zaman batting	13
Mohsin Khan c Wettimuny b Demel	12
Saleem Malik batting	18
Extras:	4
Total (for 1 wkt.):	47

Charlie Jamieson dazzles with bat & ball

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 16 — A fine all-round display by Aussie skipper Charlie Jamieson featured in the Aussies regaining the Ashes which they had lost last year to the Englishmen in an exciting match.

At the Jeddah Oval last Friday, Jamieson won the toss and opted to make first use of the strip. His counterpart Geoff Cobb handled his bowlers resourcefully and had the Aussies groping for runs. With the Aussies tied into knots it looked like the Englishmen would have an easy task when they donned the pads.

But it was not to be. The advent of Jamieson to the crease changed the complexion of the game. He threw caution to the wind and forced the pace with a superb display of power hitting. His unbeaten knock of 46 runs provided the bulk of his side's total of 114.

The Englishmen were off to a flying start with Southworth (19) and Penn (26) pro-

ceeding at a brisk rate. However, the Englishmen failed to capitalize on the bright opening. A middle order cave in resulted in a dropping of the rate till Harris stepped in like a whiff of fresh air. He infused life into the proceedings, which till then looked like going the Aussies' way, by employing the long handle. The Englishmen looked like having a chance of gaining on the Aussies with Harris — who remained unbeaten with 40 runs and having the task of scoring 18 runs in the last over of the match — in a belligerent mood.

Excitement mounted as Harris took charge. He drove, cut and pulled effort-lessly. But the Aussies were also up to it. They restricted Harris and the Englishmen to just 16 runs and ran out victors by a run. But it was touch and go.

The nail-biting finish was watched by the Australian Ambassador and British diplomats as Jamieson — who took three wickets for 26 and was aided by Balooch with three

wickets for 45 — was named man of the match.

Meanwhile, in a warmup match by the Jeddah select XI, Afaq XI beat Amin XI in an absorbing tie. The warmup game was played as a preparatory for the forthcoming match against the Riyadh XI at Riyadh.

The match restricted to 25 overs per side saw Afaq XI, batting first, proceed to 185 for seven with useful contributions from Habib (3), Afaq (27) and Asim (24). Amin XI launched an early onslaught and looked headed for victory when opener Saleem was involved in two bright stands.

Saleem (40) first added 50 for the first-wicket with Viet (28) and later joined with Amin (60) for a 70-run second-wicket association. But Afaq turned the tide with one deadly spell, which fetched him four wickets, and Amin's side never recovered thereafter. Habib took two for 23 and Afaq had four for 33 as Amin's XI ran out of the overs with its tally at 172 for eight.

Jeddah RFC keeps clean slate

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 16 — Jeddah Rugby Football Club maintained their clean slate during the season when they defeated Yanbu RFC 14-0 in the concluding match at the Benson & Hedges Park Thursday.

With Udhilahiah not being able to make the scene, Yanbu agreed to move forward this fixture at a short notice with the result that they could not field their strongest team. Nevertheless, they proved strong enough to contain the Jeddah team for long periods, aided to a large extent by guest player Steve Newsome.

Whilst Yanbu provided a resolute defense throughout they rarely looked dangerous in attack. When Jeddah scrum half Peter Jenkins broke on the blind side after 20 minutes play, it seemed certain that he would score, but once again the Barbarians line held good. It was only a matter of time though by now as Jeddah maintained their pressure and sure enough they were rewarded a few minutes later when Phil Clarridge opened the scoring with a fine try on the left which Griffiths did well to convert in the hasty conditions.

In the second half the Jeddah pack demonstrated good control with several effective rolling mauls and after five minutes play center Roger Harris capitalized on this possession by scoring Jeddah's second try. The Jeddah forwards continued to dominate with possession play through most of the half and it was appropriate that a lock Mickey Evans should score the final try with just minutes to go. Thus Jeddah completed their fixtures for the season with a rather mixed display and all that remains now is the B.T.C. Sevens on 26 March.

By comparison this promises to be a sparkling treat with exciting running rugby from the best teams in the Kingdom. The first match will be held at 9.00 a.m. with games continuing throughout the day, culminating in the final which is scheduled to be played around 5.00 p.m.

India records thumping win

KARACHI, March 16 (AFP) The big two of hockey in Asia warmed up for their final showdown in the Asia Cup Hockey Tournament with resounding victories here Tuesday.

Both, Pakistan and India, continued to tower above the remaining five nations in the seven-nation tournament as their goal rush continued. Till date they have scored more than five goals in nearly every encounter with each one trying to out do the other.

World champions, Pakistan, were a bit circumspect against an experienced opponent Tuesday, but this did not stop them from recording yet another runaway victory, this time a 7-0 drubbing of Malaysia.

Olympic champions, India, did one better than their arch rival. They literally had target practice against the inexperienced Sri Lanka, which received a 13-0 mauling. Had the Indians been better marksmen their tally could have been enhanced. The Indians missed as many as twelve penalty corners and a penalty-stroke in the Hockey Club of Pakistan here.

The Malaysians, who had won only one out of its three earlier matches, opened briskly and laid a siege on the Pakistan goal. The

suddenness of the attack put the cohesive Pakistani midfielders out of gear and were kept back, in aiding the defense, by a series of Malaysian attacks.

The Pakistanis warded off the waves of attack, though on two occasions their citadel looked like falling. But the Malaysian forwards fumbled in the striking area. Slowly the Pakistanis gained ascendancy and it was the turn of the Malaysians to defend. Twice the Pakistanis were on mark, mercurial spearhead Hassan Sardar, who recorded his second hat-trick, scoring in the 19th and 32nd minute. After resumption Hassan Sardar, Kaleemullah (2), Hanif Khan and Manzoor Junior scored in that order to complete the rout.

India were without their skipper Surjit Singh and regular center-forward Sukbir Singh Grewal. Nevertheless, the Indians overwhelmed the Sri Lankans with a series of goal-making sprees. For the Indians the main scorers were center-forward Parminder and winger Muhammad Shahid, with four goals each. Other scorers were Gurmial Singh, Rajinder Singh, Topno, Zafar Iqbal and Mervyn Fernandes.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — Tom Collins outpointed London-based Guyanani Denis Andries over 15 rounds Monday night to win the vacant British light-heavyweight title at London's Bloomsbury Crest Hotel. Collins floored Andries in the 13th and 15th for a points decision.

CITY OF INDUSTRY, California, (AP) — South African Sally Little shot a 3-under-par 70 Monday to overtake the fading Donna H. White and win the \$150,000 Olympia Gold Women's Golf Tournament for the second consecutive year.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (AP) — Arnold Sidebottom, a Yorkshire seam bowler who has been playing for Orange Free State, has joined the rebel English team touring South Africa, the *Rand Daily Mail* reported Tuesday. Sidebottom, 27, joined the team as the 15th man on Monday, in time for the second one-day match on the tour in Durban.

TAIPEI, (AFP) — Sixteen member countries of the International Softball Federation (ISF), including hosts Taiwan, have said they would participate in the fifth World Women's Softball Championships here from July 2-11, the organizing committee announced Tuesday.

SEOUL, (AFP) — Defending champions Cuba will not participate in the 27th World Amateur Baseball Championships to be held in Seoul Sept. 4-18, it was reported here.

LISBON, (AFP) — Portuguese First Division sides Benfica, Sporting Lisbon and Braga, and Second Division Alcobaca qualified for the semifinals of the Portuguese Cup Competition at the weekend.

MASSY, France, (AFP) — Sunday's eighth Women's Essonne Marathon was won by Britain's Caroline Rodgers who covered the 42 kms in 2 hours 48.9 secs. She finished 36 seconds clear of Canada's Sylviane Puntous (2:48.45).

Pele unhappy over Brazil's attack

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 16 (AP) — Ex-soccer star Pele said here the Brazilian World Cup team has problems in its offense due to a lack of good wide attackers.

Pele, in an interview published Tuesday in Rio's *Jornal Do Brasil*, said team coach Tele Santana "Has to find some way to occupy the flank of the field, because we simply don't have any traditional 'wing' attackers."

Brazil's starting wide attackers, Paulo Isidor of Gremio and Mario Sergio Ojogo Paulo, are converted midfielders. But Santana says that what started as an improvisation has worked well, and he has called Paulo Isidor "One of the best wide attackers in the world."

Pele, however, said the team's offense tended to clog up the middle of the field. He said Santana would "Have to invent a new strategy of penetration, which so far hasn't

World Cup Soccer

Pele unhappy over Brazil's attack

happened." The former star of the Santos and New York Cosmos clubs said West Germany probably would be Brazil's most difficult adversary in the World Cup. Other top contenders he cited were Belgium, Spain and the Soviet Union.

According to Pele, defending world champion Argentina "probably won't make a good showing, due to its internal problems." The three-time world champion considered Brazil's opening-round Group Six, which also contains the Soviet Union, Scotland and New Zealand, one of the most difficult. But he said this was "A good thing" for Brazil. "If we get by the opening round we'll be prepared for whatever comes," Pele said.

Meanwhile, teenage striker Ian Stewart regained his belief in fairytales Tuesday when he was called into the Northern Ireland squad

for the World Cup warmup soccer international against France in Paris on March 24. Stewart, 19, a reserve with English Second Division side Queens Park Rangers, had planned to travel to Paris to cheer on his country. Now, he has the chance to grab a place in Northern Ireland's 22-man squad for Spain. "It's brilliant news, right out of the blue," said Stewart before going out to play for Rangers' reserves.

Manager Billy Bingham sprang another surprise by recalling former Derby player Billy Caskey, now playing in the United States alongside fellow-Irish midfielder Dave McCreery with Tulsa Roughnecks. Caskey, whose last appearance was as substitute three years ago in the 5-1 defeat by England, replaces the injured Tommy Cassidy of Burnley. Bingham, who became manager two years ago, has never seen Caskey play. "But I've had good reports on his form in the United States and this gives me a chance to have a look at him," he said.

As expected, Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings has been left out after aggravating a groin strain in training. His absence allows Middlesbrough's Jim Platt to earn his 13th cap, his first in 17 months. Bingham said: "Pat's injury will be slow to put right and there is no point in putting him at risk in a friendly."

Friendly, or not, next week's match will be important to both nations as they warmup for Spain. Northern Ireland are drawn in Group Five with the hosts, Yugoslavia and Honduras while France will be in Group Four alongside England, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait.

U.S. tid-bits

Ralph Sampson honored

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 16 — Contract talks involving National Football League team owners and their player representatives start up this week. Owners aren't too keen on the players' demands for a fixed chunk of team profits for the season. The players are said to be shooting for 55 percent, a nice piece of change. But they're realistic, thinking that if nothing else, the concept — rather than the 55 percent — is what they're negotiating for.

Virginia's All-America center Ralph Sampson was named Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year. That's the second time Sampson, who resisted efforts by the professional Boston Celtics to turn pro last year, has topped that prize. Sampson plucked 102 votes with North Carolina's

James Worthy next with 33.

Missouri coach Norm Stewart this year has taken the team to its best record in more than 50 years — 26-3 — and the Tigers are still alive in NCAA tournament play. United Press International recognized Stewart's achievement by naming him its coach of the year. He was followed by Virginia's Terry Holland, West Virginia's Gale Catlett and Iowa's Lute Olson.

Last week's fines in the National Football Association totaled \$8,850, much more compared to gargantuan amounts. Seven San Diego Clippers got hit by the NBA, with Joe Bryant leading the way with his \$1,000 contribution to commissioner Larry O'Brien's little fund. Also dickered for San Diego were: Jerome Whitehead, Tom Chambers, James Brogan, Michael Brooks, Jim Smith and Michael Wiley.

Fitzgerald ousts Gullikson

STRASBOURG, France, March 16 (AP) — American Tom Gullikson was eliminated from the \$300,000 WCT Indoor Tennis Tournament in a first round defeat by Australia's John Fitzgerald late Monday night.

The Australian grabbed the first set at 7-6, but Gullikson came back strongly in the next which he won with a degree of comfort at 6-3, and seemed on the way to victory, but lost the decider narrowly (6-7) and made his exit.

In other late Monday night matches, Heinz Guntard of Switzerland and Balazs Taroczy of Hungary beat Bruce Manson of U.S. 7-6, 6-3 and Ricardo Cano of Argentina 7-6, 1-6, 6-3 respectively. Earlier, Vijay Amritraj of India beat Peter Rennett of U.S. 7-6, 6-4 and Nick Saviano (U.S.) beat another American Tim Mayotte 6-2, 6-1.

John McEnroe was forced to withdraw from the tournament after he sprained an ankle Friday during practice in Brussels. McEnroe's misfortune left Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia as the favorite to capture the top prize. Other top players also withdrawing from the tournament were Adriano Panatta of Italy, Andres Gomez of Ecuador and Paul McNamee of Australia.

Meanwhile, Tim Wilkinson of the United States, 71st on the world ranking list, upset 29th-ranked Shlomo Glickstein 7-6, 7-6 on

the first day of the Ninth Rotterdam Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Monday.

Playing top tennis throughout, Wilkinson clinched victory in two hours and ten minutes, although he was pushed every inch of the way by his hard-hitting opponent.

The 3,000 spectators in the Rotterdam "aboy" Sports Center had to remain until late in the evening to see six matches finish in the first round of the \$250,000 tournament, which ends Sunday.

Britain's Buster Mottram advanced to the second round with a straight sets victory over Dutch player Eric Wilbers 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. In another evening match, Brian Teacher of the United States ousted Brad Drewitt of Australia 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

In France, Pat Dupres of the United States, the No. 2 seed, won the opening match in the 450,000-franc (\$75,000) Lorraine Open, eliminating Robert Reininger of Austria 7-5, 6-4.

Britain's Jo Durie beat Barbara Potter of the United States 7-5, 6-1 in the opening round of a Women's International Tennis Tournament in Boston Monday evening.

In another evening result, 18-year-old Andrea Leand beat fellow American Pam Casale 6-3, 6-2 to advance to the second round.



John Fitzgerald... records upset win

Jahangir retains Stockton crown

STOCKTON, England, March 16 (AP) — World squash champion Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, Monday night retained his McEwan Open title, defeating countryman Hiddy Jehan in an absorbing 72-minute final.

The brilliant 18-year-old Pakistani, now based in London, won the match 9-6, 10-8, 9-2 but had to produce his all-round repertoire of shots to stave off the strong challenge of Jehan in the opening two games.

Jahangir was never behind in the opening game, lasting 25 minutes, but went 3-7 down in the second. His opponent then missed two game balls before the champion leveled at 8-8 and finally took the game on extra points.

In the third game, Jehan — who had kept his composure constantly on his toes — tired and Jahangir easily grabbed his second title in nine days.

Former world champion Geoff Hunt of Australia, whose bid for a ninth British Open crown in two weeks is likely to be halted by 18-year-old Jahangir, crashed 9-6, 9-2, 10-8 in a third place play-off against Qamar Zaman of Pakistan.

Oilers hold Kings

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP) — Edmonton Oilers' came out of their losing streak with a 3-3 tie against the Los Angeles Kings in a National Hockey League game Monday night.

The tie also snapped Wayne Gretzky's six-game goal-scoring drought with two tallies and Mark Messier scored his 44th goal of the season. Gretzky's and Messier's goal came in the second and third period respectively. Gretzky's goals nullified the two-goal advantage held by the Kings, while Messier once again put the Oilers on level terms.

In the other NHL action of the night, Mark Johnson, playing only his second game for Minnesota, led the North Stars past his old teammates, the Pittsburgh Penguins, for a 4-3 victory. The North Stars led by two goals at the end of the second period. The Penguins restored parity in the last period but the deadlock was resolved by Johnson.

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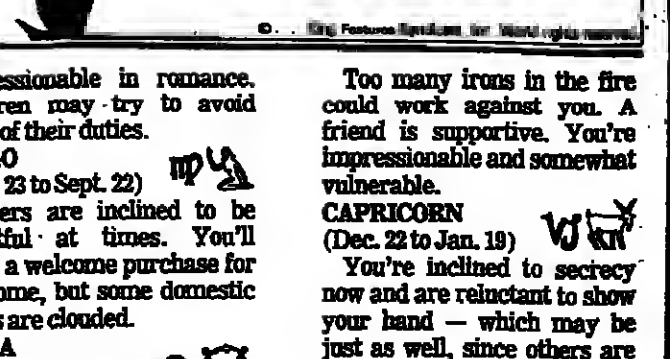
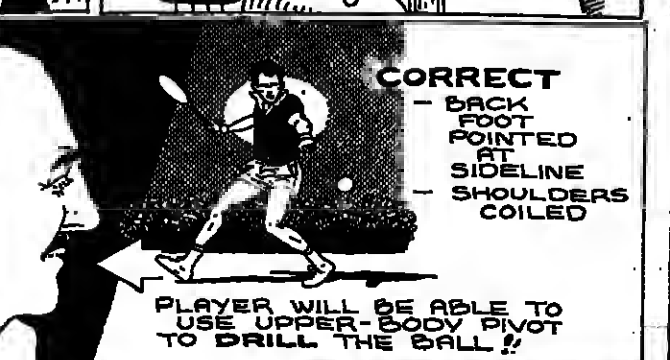
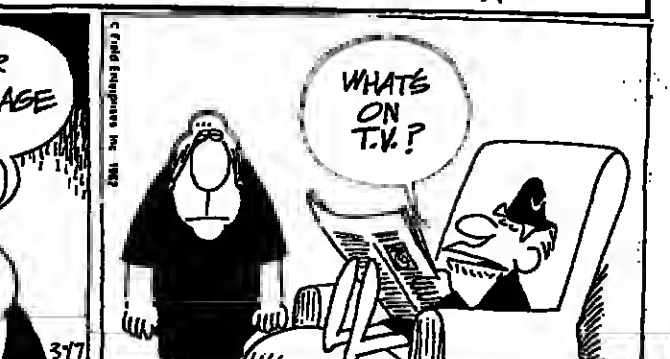
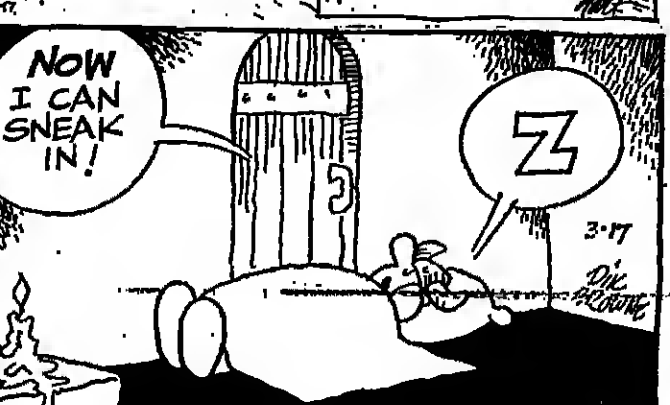
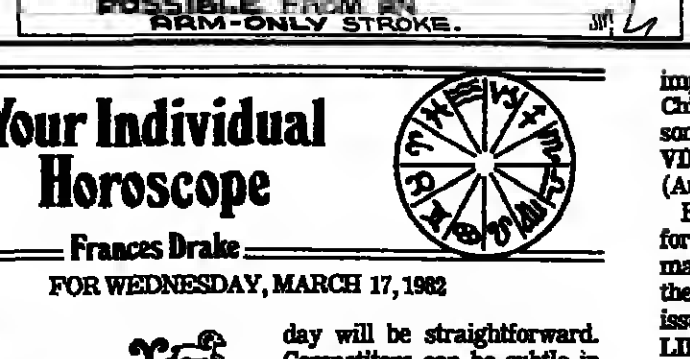
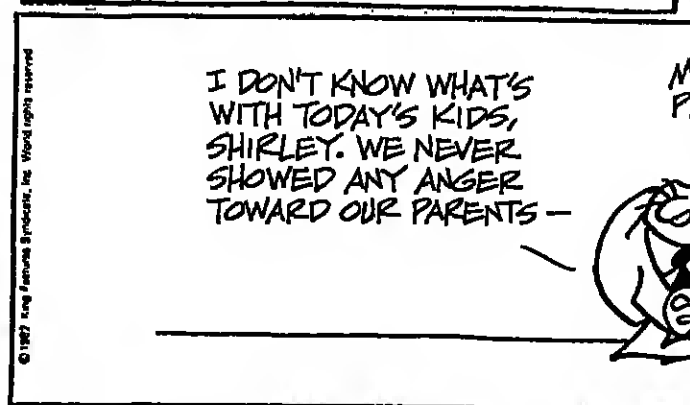
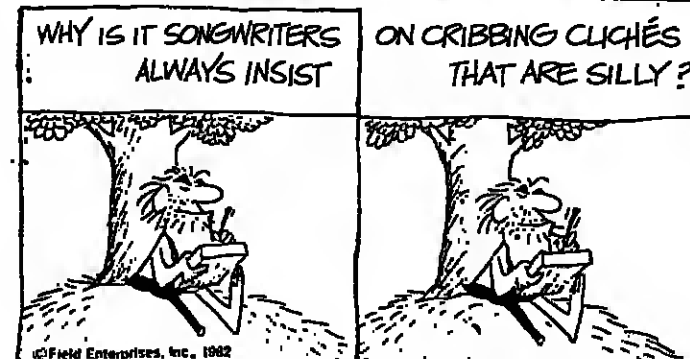
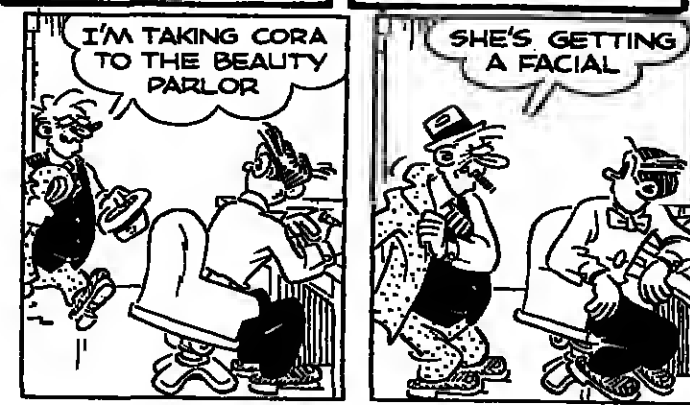
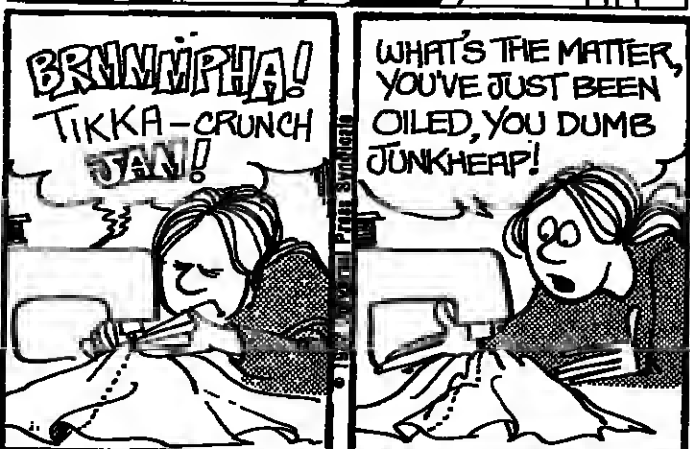
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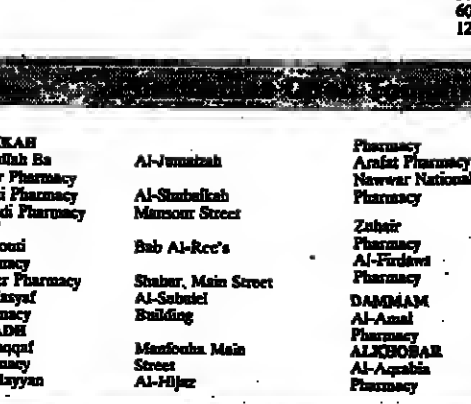
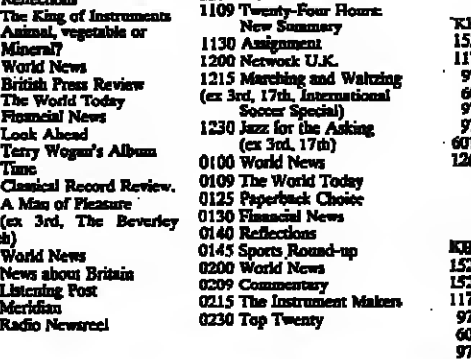
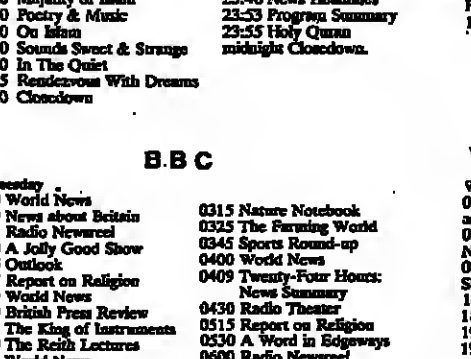
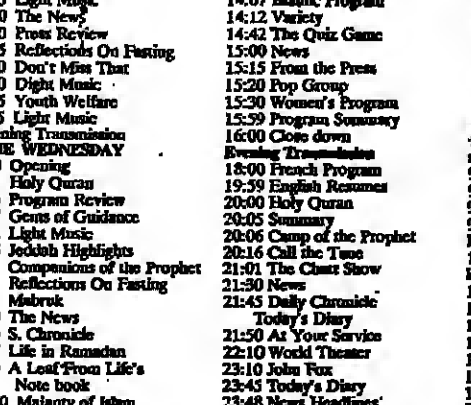
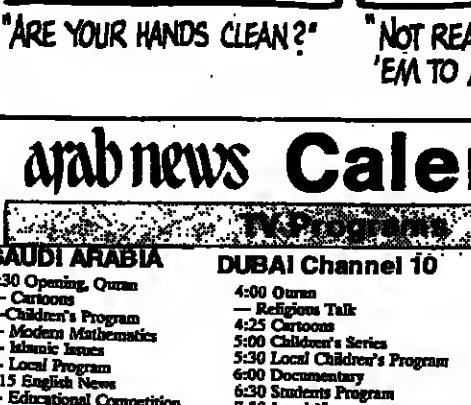
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U.S. complicity alleged

Nicaragua suspends rights, guarantees

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 16 (Agencies) — The government Monday suspended all individual rights and guarantees for a 30-day period that may be extended "in keeping with the prevailing circumstances in the country."

In announcing the suspension, which took effect immediately, ruling junta member Daniel Ortega Sanabria said it was necessary because of "plans of aggression against our country." Such plans, Ortega said, are directed by the United States "with the complicity" of anti-government groups based in neighboring Honduras and Miami, Florida.

The announcement was made hours after the Interior Ministry announced that guerrillas Sunday night dynamited two key bridges in the north and northwestern part of the country, causing serious transportation problems.

Referring to the sabotage in a message to the U.S. Congress, Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto had said "plans of this type (to destabilize the government) oblige our government to adopt legal measures to protect our government, to protect our institutional life and the order and internal security in our country."

The Nicaraguan announcement said that an American CIA plan was aimed against the Sandinista revolutionary government. The plan, it said, was outlined last week by American newspapers and called for a commando force to sabotage targets inside Nicaragua.

It said the reported scheme, which would authorize \$19 million to back a CIA-sponsored commando force of 500 men, included plans to destroy and block communication routes. The Reagan administration has not confirmed or denied the reports which appeared in U.S. newspapers last week. The United States has accused Nicaragua, Cuba and the Soviet Union of arming the Salvadoran guerrillas.

Spokesmen for Nicaragua's ruling civilian-military junta have rejected U.S. allegations of involvement in subversive activities in Central America, saying Mangua did not "export revolution."

In his statement here Monday night, at a ceremony attended by thousands of members of the Sandinista militia, Ortega said the gov-

ernment would exercise strict control over the communications media.

Minutes before Ortega made the announcement the Interior Ministry had announced the permanent shutdown of Radio Catolica, a radio station run by the church, for violation of the communications laws.

Ortega did not elaborate on what the suspension of rights and guarantees entailed but government sources said freedom of expression, the right to carry out political and labor organizing activities and habeas corpus were all affected by the suspension.

The new American ambassador to Nicaragua, Anthony C.E. Quaiton, arrived here Monday evening to take charge of the U.S. diplomatic mission here.

On his arrival Quaiton, who fills a post left vacant since Carter administration appointee Lawrence Pezzullo left here last August, said "the government of the United States wants to establish effective and sincere relations with the government and people of Nicaragua."

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Monday detailed U.S. proposals aimed at improving relations with Nicaragua. The plan, first presented to Nicaragua last August, included a call for a mutual commitment to the principles of non-intervention. But Haig said it was dependent on the Sandinista government ending aid to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

Haig rules out role for Soviets

NEW YORK, March 16 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has ruled out Soviet participation in any talks seeking peace in the Caribbean region, saying that the Soviet Union had no business in the Western Hemisphere.

He renewed U.S. charges that the Soviet Union and Cuba controlled leftist guerrillas in El Salvador and provided them with arms. Neither country would be invited to negotiations for a peaceful settlement there, he said.

Speaking to reporters after holding talks with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Haig also said that he saw no role for the United Nations in trying to resolve the conflict. In an attempt to clarify U.S. policy in Central America, he said earlier that the United States would negotiate on its own behalf, not through Mexico.

President Reagan, on a three-state speaking tour, also sought to put into context Sunday's talks between Haig and Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda in New York. "They (the Mexicans) are not negotiating for us but hoping to open the doors," he said. Haig said he and Castaneda had narrowed differences over Mexico's plan for a negotiated solution to the war in El Salvador and other tensions in the Caribbean region.

Haig appeared to play down interpretations of his remark last Saturday that El Salvador was a global problem as meaning that Washington had embarked on a new policy to include Moscow in specific talks on the region.

He said Mexico could facilitate diplomatic contacts with countries like Cuba and Nicaragua, which the Reagan administration has also accused of aiding the guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed government in El Salvador. "Of course such meetings will have to be strictly bilateral. The United States will present and receive proposals on its own behalf," he said.

Meanwhile, growing concern is being expressed in the Western European press about what it sees as confusion in U.S. policy toward Central America.

The chorus of press opposition to Washington's policies is coupled with alarm that the Americans could be sliding toward deeper and possibly armed involvement in El Salvador. The London Times Tuesday headlined a front-page story: "Fog Settles Over U.S. Policy on Central America."

In San Salvador, trucks carrying scores of left-wing guerrillas drove into three suburban towns north of the capital city Monday and the guerrillas launched coordinated attacks against army posts, residents reported.

Suicide or murder?

France orders death probe

PARIS, March 16 (AFP) — The French government Tuesday ordered two teams of experts to investigate how suspended senior civil servant Rene Lucet died recently — suicide or murder?

New details have become available casting doubt on the accepted version that Lucet committed suicide by shooting himself in his head in his villa in Marseilles March 4. His death unleashed a violent press campaign by the opposition which claimed that Lucet, a 38-year-old white kid technocrat, had been bouded to his death by the Socialist and Communist parties.

For Lucet was head of the Marseilles city health service with over two million patients and he was appointed to purge the service of corruption and inefficiency. His purge led to the dismissals or transfers of many leftist employees. Their complaints, and a report by a ministerial inspector, led to Lucet being suspended from his post.

When his death was announced one week later, the opposition press called it "the first crime of this Socialist government," and personally blamed the Minister for Solidarity Nicole Questiaux who oversees the health service.

An initial autopsy concluded the death was suicide but two days later police reports contradicted this theory. For this reason the justice minister asked for two teams of experts to re-examine the whole case.

Meanwhile, police said that Lucet was killed by two bullets fired at an interval of five seconds from a 9-mm revolver. Each shot was fatal. One bullet remained lodged in the skull, and the other was recovered from the pillow on which lay the victim's head.

Oddly, there were inexplicable blood stains on the bed which could not have come from the shooting incident. Another mystery remains about the time of his death.

His wife called the police at 6.15 a.m. but when they arrived at 6.30 a.m. she was not alone, but surrounded by five bodyguards that her husband had hired to protect him — his expenditure on bodyguards was one reason for his suspension.

Could they have arrived in such a short time? — Mrs. Lucet said that she called them after her husband's suicide. Police are wondering therefore whether his death was earlier than 6.15 a.m. But if Lucet did not kill himself, who did and why?

Inside Angola

S. Africans kill 201 in raid

WINDHOEK, Namibia (Southwest Africa), March 16 (R) — South African-led forces killed 201 SWAPO guerrillas and captured large quantities of arms and ammunition in a raid into neighboring Angola at the weekend, the South African Press Association reported.

The agency, quoting the Southwest Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SWABC), said that mopping-up operations were still in progress. It was the first major South African incursion into Angola reported since last November.

The SWABC broadcast said two security force patrols comprising 45 men were dropped into the Cambeano area 22 kms inside Angola on Saturday morning and attacked a base camp of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) nearby.

The raiding party began to encounter resistance from about 1,000 men a kilometer from the camp, the broadcast said. SWAPO's guerrillas have been waging a bush war against South African rule of Namibia for the past 16 years.

South African forces lost three men in the day-long battle last Saturday, the SWABC report said. The leader of the raiders, Capt. J. Houtgaard, said that in one cache his troops found large quantities of Soviet-type AK 47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades, SAM-7 missiles and more than 1,000 rifle grenades.

He said that his men also found enough rice to feed 500 persons for 48 days as well as large quantities of canned foods made in France, Denmark and the Soviet Union. Earlier Tuesday the official Angolan news agency Angop, monitored in Lisbon, reported that officials in Angola had denied the existence of Namibian guerrilla training bases in the country.

Colombia ruling party faces split

BOGOTA, March 16 (R) — Colombia's ruling Liberal Party emerged Tuesday as clear winner of elections on Sunday, retaining its control of national, provincial and municipal legislative bodies. With 72 percent of the votes counted, officials said the Liberals received 55 percent of the poll, their Conservative allies 41 percent and the legal left-wing parties about two percent.

Despite their victory, the Liberals faced the possibility of a split because of a strong showing by a dissident leader challenged the official nomination of former President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen as Liberal candidate for presidential elections on May 22.

Lopez Michelsen won in 22 of the country's 23 provinces, but "new liberalism" candidate Luis Carlos Galan said Monday his landslide victory in Bogota had encouraged him to press ahead with his campaign. This might benefit the Conservatives, united for

Retaliation against IRA threatened

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, March 16 (AP) — Protestant extremists Tuesday threatened to retaliate against the IRA for a wave of bombings that killed an 11-year-old boy and wounded 34 other persons. But the child's family said retribution would be wrong.

In a statement issued after Monday's bombings in Belfast and four other Northern Ireland towns, the Ulster Defense Association said, "we have no intention of standing by while our people are being massacred."

The UDA, biggest of the province's Protestant paramilitary groups with 20,000 members, accused the almost exclusively Catholic Irish Republican Army of seeking "to drive Protestants out of Ulster" by reverting to the indiscriminate car-bombing it used a few years ago.

the first time in 30 years behind the nomination of Belisario Betancur.

Lopez Michelsen has not yet commented publicly on the outcome of the elections, held without major incidents despite guerrilla threats of violence. The leftist M-19 group, seeking the lifting of a 30-year-old state of siege and a full amnesty, waged a sabotage campaign in the run-up to the poll including a bomb attack on the presidential plane.

But its calls for an election boycott apparently failed. Voter turnout ranged from 43 to 67 percent, about average for the last 25 years. The guerrillas want the amnesty to organize legally and challenge the two-party system. Liberals and Conservatives alternated at the head of coalition governments between 1957 and 1974 and a constitutional amendment still binds them to a power-sharing scheme in the national and provincial administrations.

But Dickson McCrum, uncle of young bombing victim Alan McCrum, said on behalf of the family, "we want no retaliation... We are a sincere Christian family and accept Alan's death as something which the Lord himself has allowed."

The boy was killed when a car bomb exploded outside a jewelry store in Banbridge, a staunchly Protestant market town 40 kms west of Belfast. He was waiting inside the shop for a lift home to the family farm in nearby Loughbrickland after a music lesson.

Police said six of the wounded, including two women in serious conditions and one critically ill with multiple head injuries, were still hospitalized Tuesday. Monday's blitz was the Provisional IRA's first major operation for several months, during which it has been weakened by arrests and defections.

Turkey owns 15 torture deaths in jail

ANKARA, March 16 (AP) — The Turkish government acknowledged on Monday that at least 15 persons imprisoned in connection with political terrorist activities had died in jail after being tortured since the military takeover 18 months ago.

The disclosure was made by government spokesman and state minister Ilhan Ozturk, in reply to Amnesty International charges that 70 Turkish prisoners have been tortured to death. The Amnesty list was delivered to the Turkish Embassy in London in January. It updated an earlier list of 62 persons made public last fall by the London-based human rights organization.

Ozturk said an investigation into the fate of 49 persons mentioned in the Amnesty list was concluded and a similar probe was continuing over the other names. He said 15 of these were indeed killed as a result of torture in the prison and those responsible were standing trial. So far nine security officials implicated in these "incidents" had been convicted and sentenced. The minister did not disclose how many other security or prison officials were involved and what were the sentences passed on those convicted.

Ozturk said 15 others had died from other causes, eight persons listed by the Amnesty were dead but were never imprisoned, four were under arrest but alive, one was alive but not under arrest and six had died in shootouts either with rival political gangs or security forces.

The minister did not give any names or any other details about the persons alleged to have died from torture. Ozturk accused the Nobel Prize winning organization of hurling charges at Turkey without a preliminary study of information reaching them from various sources.

"It is impossible to define this attitude of Amnesty International as objective or serious," he said. He defended Turkey's handling of terrorist suspects, saying "the government of Turkey never condones torture of those in custody or imprisoned and seriously studies any such allegations."

Sanctions team opens Paris talks

PARIS, March 16 (Agencies) — U.S. Undersecretary of State James Buckley began talks here Tuesday with top French officials on the second leg of a West European tour aimed at persuading governments to stiffen Western sanctions over the imposition of martial law in Poland.

Buckley, accompanied by commerce, treasury, defense and national security council officials, arrived in Paris Monday from Bonn where he conferred with West German government officials including Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

A statement issued after the meeting said talks had been held in a friendly atmosphere but gave no hint of progress on the issue which has caused tension between Washington and other Western capitals.

Buckley had discussions with Jean-Claude Paye, the head of the economic affairs at the French External Relations Ministry, Emile van Lennep, the general secretary of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and Defense Ministry officials on the possibility of reducing official credits and guarantees to the Soviet bloc.

The United States wishes to strengthen West European sanctions against the imposition of martial law in Poland, and President Ronald Reagan is delaying a decision over new U.S. measures until Buckley reports back on his talks.

Washington is particularly anxious about the involvement of West Germany, France, Italy and other Western countries in a controversial multimillion-dollar deal to import vast quantities of Siberian gas.

Buckley was scheduled to leave Paris later for London, from where he is expected to fly to Brussels and Rome.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

Those who know I spend most of my time shuttling between London and Washington usually ask for a considered judgement on which of the two cities is better to live in.

My answer, which is as considered as I can make it, is that taken all in all, London would be the place for me, although I would prefer to live back home in the Middle East.

The answer is self-explanatory. For London is nearer "back home", and not merely in the geographic sense. There is a thriving Arab community here all the year round, which triples or quadruples come the summer. And, more importantly, the Arab community here is highly visible, unlike in the United States, where you can spend days without seeing an Arab face or hearing the language. I know that this to some who've had enough of it all is a considerable advantage, but not to a staunch patriot like your humble servant.

There is a subtler dimension underlying this. For reasons I can't begin to fathom, I find in America a very strong "melting pot" effect (nevermind what you read in the papers, it's there all right). Two days there and you begin to feel yourself part of the scene. In London, you can stay thirty years and still feel yourself an alien, that is to say, a privileged spectator who has the advantages of living abroad without suffering the psychological disruptions of being cut off from your home ground.

Then there is the intrusive presence and the obtrusive daily pressure in politics and the media from the Zionist lobby, which you find in Washington. In London, however, although a similar lobby exists, it is far less pervasive.

Translated from Ashary Al-Awadi

Britain greets Sultan Qaboos

LONDON, March 16 (R) — Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman arrived here Tuesday at the start of a four-day state visit which British officials said was expected to reinforce London's traditionally strong links with the Gulf state.

On arrival in London Sultan Qaboos was met by Queen Elizabeth and other members of the royal family before going to Buckingham Palace, where he will stay throughout the visit.

Sultan Qaboos is due to hold talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and senior government officials Wednesday which a British Foreign Ministry spokesman said would center on general Middle East issues. Some 100 British officers serve in the army of Oman, where the United States also maintains standby facilities for its rapid deployment force in the region.

India bars airline men from S. African trial

NEW DELHI, March 16 (AP) — Crew members of an Air-India jetliner hijacked from the Seychelles to South Africa last November will not be permitted to participate in South Africa's current trial of the 43 accused sky pirates, an Indian government spokesman said Tuesday. "We will not permit the Air-India crew to give evidence in South Africa," spokesman M.S. Aiyar told reporters.

Air-India is owned by the Indian government which has no diplomatic relations with South Africa because of India's opposition to apartheid. A spokesman at Air-India headquarters in Bombay said meanwhile that the airliner had no knowledge of any request from the South African government or courts for appearance of the 14 crew members.

The Air-India Boeing 707, en route from Zimbabwe to Bombay with 65 passengers aboard, was seized in the Seychelles Islands after an unsuccessful coup attempt there by a group of purported mercenaries. The hijackers were arrested and their hostages freed at Durban.

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